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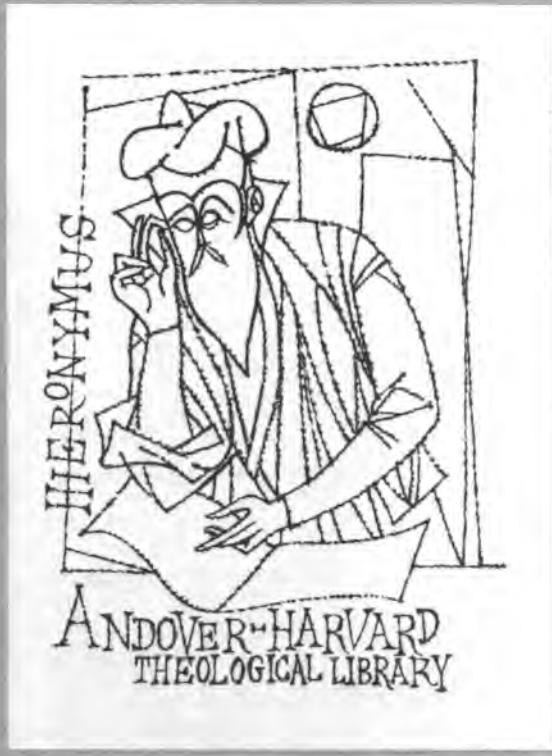
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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1869.

Annual meeting at Keene, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon from the White River Association.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. William J. Tucker.

Committee of Inquiry, to propose questions according to Art. VII, sec. 4, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Quincy Blakely, Dea. W. W. Russell.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. L. Z. Ferris; substitute, Rev. Hiram Mead.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 26 churches. Meets on the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; George Kingsbury, Esq., Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Coos, 9 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. E. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk; Rev. H. V. Emmons, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 34 churches; 30 Cong.; 4 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. William J. Tucker, Manchester, Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. T. P. Sawin, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 32 churches; 30 Cong.; 2 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 31 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev.

Charles Burnham, Meredith Village, Clerk, Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk and Statistical Secretary. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Acworth, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. George M. Adams, Portsmouth.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions; namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Association, and members of such committee as reported to it, with a representative of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, shall be members *ex-officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary

shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion; have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of a publishing committe. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the

session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent in-

stitutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society, and followed by other societies and institutions in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2½ o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken an each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to oder.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. CORRESPONDENCE. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith, sending up their nominations, for confirmation, by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the committee on nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New-York, in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, he may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. EXPENSES. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire held its fifty-ninth annual meeting in the house of the First Church in Concord, commencing Tuesday, August 25, 1868, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. George Dustan, from John 15: 4.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap — Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith; Rev. Liba Conant, Hebron.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. James Holmes, Auburn; Rev. L. G. Parker, Derry.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., Nashua; Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis.

Hopkinton—Rev. Edward Buxton, Webster; Rev. Corban Curtice, Sanbornton; Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville.

Lancaster—Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster.

Monadnock—Rev. T. W. Duncan, Nelson; Rev. T. E. Roberts, Swanzey; Rev. H. Wood, Gilsum.

Orange—Rev. E. A. Lawrence, D. D., Orford; Rev. B. Smith, Hanover Center.

Sullivan—Rev. J. L. Merrill, Acworth.

Suncook—Rev. Jacob Chapman, Deerfield.

Union—Rev. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough; Rev. Rufus Case, Jaffrey.

White River—

Piscataqua — Rev. T. V. Haines, North-Hampton; Rev. Isaac C. White, Newmarket; Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Bro. L. D. Osborne, Keene.

Coos—

Grafton—Dea. William G. Brown, Campton; Dea. D. C. Churchill, Lyme.

Hillsborough—Dea. A. A. Farnsworth, Peterborough; Dr. Edward Aiken, Amherst; Bro. G. W. Pinkerton, Manchester.

Merrimack—Dr. A. P. Tenney, West Concord; G. N. Shepard, West Epping.

Rockingham—David Currier, Derry; John Stevens, Portsmouth; G. P. Judkins, Kingston.

Strafford—J. S. Sanborn, Sanbornton.

Sullivan—

From Dartmouth College—Rev. Prof. D. J. Noyes.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Amherst, Secretary.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Pastor of the North Church, Concord.

Rev. J. H. Edwards, West Lebanon, Rev. Joseph Blake, Gilmanton, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Lyme, members of reporting committees.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. M. Brewster, of Dover, from Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. L. D. Barrows, D. D., from the Methodist Episcopal Conference in New-Hampshire.

Rev. George B. Safford, from the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. John Colby, from the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Edwin Hall, from the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. C. P. Osborne, from the General Association of Rhode-Island.

Rev. George Darling, from the General Conference of Ohio.

Rev. Charles Caverno, from the Congregational and Presbyterian Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. J. W. Strong, from the General Association of Minnesota.

Rev. Prof. S. C. Bartlett, D. D., from the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D. D., from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Association was organized by choice of Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, D. D., of Orford, Moderator; Rev. E. B. Claggett, of Lyndeborough, Scribe; and Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Lyme, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. L. S. Parker, and Bro. George W. Pinkerton, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Rufus Case, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Rev. H. A. Hazen, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. E. H. Greely, Rev. Quincy Blakely, and Dea. Wm. W. Russell, Committee of Inquiry.

Rev. E. G. Parsons, and Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Committee on Narrative.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

After a season of devotion, the Narrative of the State of Religion and Obituary Notices were read by Rev. Joseph Blake, followed by addresses from Rev. R. M. Sargent, and Rev. Dr. Wallace.

Letters of salutation from the General Association of Michigan, the General Conference of Rhode-Island, and the General Association of Iowa, were read by the Secretary.

Rev. Geo. Darling presented the salutations of the General Association of Ohio; Rev. J. M. Brewster, of the Free Will Baptist Conference; Rev. Edwin Hall, of the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Dr. Bartlett of the General Association of Illinois; Rev. John Colby, of the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Geo. B. Safford, of the General Convention of Vermont.

To these salutations the Moderator happily responded.

The Pastoral Letter, prepared by Rev. S. P. Leeds, was read by Rev. J. H. Edwards.

Voted to adjourn until 7½ o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Met agreeably to adjournment, but as public services were about to commence, at which Dr. S. C. Bartlett was to preach, voted to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting was held at the First Church at 8 o'clock.

Association came together at 9 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Rockwood.

The Minutes were read and approved.

A letter was read presenting salutations of the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. John Wood spoke in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the American Tract Society; Rev. Asa Bullard, in behalf of the Congregational Sabbath School and Publication Society; Rev. C. L. Woodworth, in behalf of the American Missionary Association; and Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seaman's Friend Society.

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea presented the salutations of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. L. D. Barrows, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Charles Caverno, of the General Association of Wisconsin; and Rev. C. P. Osborn, of the General Conference of Rhode-Island. To each delegate the Moderator responded.

Voted, That the questions which were to be discussed in the evening of to-day be taken up at three o'clock this afternoon, and that the evening be appropriated to religious services, and preaching by Rev. Dr. Duryea.

The Report of the Treasurer was read. Voted to accept it. Voted, also, to raise two hundred dollars for the ensuing year, and voted to print 500 copies of the Minutes of the Association, with the Report of the N. H. Missionary Society, and 100 copies without it.

Voted, That Dr. Bouton's Report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, made to the General Association at Newport, be published with the Minutes.

Voted, That the Statistical Secretary make such recommendations to the District Associations and County Conferences,

as he shall deem adapted to secure greater accuracy in the keeping of church records, and making the annual returns of membership.

Voted, To commit the archives of the Association to the care of Rev. Drs. Young, Bouton, and Stone, with the request that they recommend, at the next annual meeting, what disposition should be made of them.

The Business Committee reported an overture from the Belknap Association, asking for a change in the Constitution, enlarging the basis of representation, and making members of local associations corresponding members.

The committee recommended that these papers, and the general subject of improvements in the Constitution and exercises of this Association, be referred to a committee of three, to report at the next annual meeting. Adopted.

Chose Revs. J. W. Chickering, E. G. Parsons, and P. B. Day, as such committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended Keene 1st Church, as the place for the next annual meeting. Preacher of Communion Sermon, Rev. L. Z. Ferris, of Pittsfield, *Primary;* Rev. Hiram Mead, of Nashua, *Substitute.* Adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Gave place to the Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Education Society,

Prayer was offered by Rev. Asa Mann, of Bath.

The report of the directors was read, and, on motion of Rev. Dr. Tobey, of Durham, voted that it be accepted and printed with the Minutes. He supported his motion with an address.

Rev. Dr. Day, of Hollis, a trustee, spoke of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

Association resumed business, and Rev. Mr. Parsons, of Derry, submitted resolutions suggested by the approaching Centennial of Dartmouth College, which, after considerable discussion, were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the General Association of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New-Hampshire, congratulates the Trustees and Alumni of Dartmouth College, and all the friends of sound and elegant learning, upon the

approaching Centennial Anniversary of that ancient and honored institution. Born and cradled in the forming period of our state and nation, this seat of learning has, in all its history, exerted a grand and effective influence in molding aright the character of our people, in establishing and maintaining the beneficent civil and religious institutions which are the glory of the nation and the age. We gratefully renew the expression of our admiration and affection, and do pledge ourselves to do what in us lies, to add to the materials for enlarged usefulness, which the later years are giving so generously to this beloved College.

Resolved, That we urgently recommend to the ministers and members of our churches, that they complete, in their several County Conferences, the Scholarships proposed for the College, and that they signalize the Centennial Year by the contribution of $50,000 more.

Proceeded to the discussion of the following question: How shall the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union be made a means of actual benefit and of needed progress in the cause of Sabbath School instruction.

The discussion was opened by Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, followed by Rev. Dr. Day, of Hollis, Rev. George Darling, of Hudson, Ohio, Rev. Asa Bullard, and Rev. Dr. Bouton.

After the singing of a hymn, the following question was discussed: By what means can the churches exert a more efficient influence in the cause of temperance?

Opened by Edward A. Aiken, M. D., of Amherst, followed by Rev. Dr. Wallace, and Rev. Lewis Grout.

Voted, That the third question be taken up in the prayer meeting to-morrow morning.

The discussion of the temperance question led to the introduction of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we hereby most solemnly reaffirm our settled conviction that total abstinence is the only true temperance, and legal prohibition the only practical means of suppressing the liquor traffic and its attendant evils.

Adopted.

Rev. J. H. Stearns, and Rev. Geo. B. Safford, were appointed to officiate at the communion table to-morrow afternoon.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, August 27.

Prayer meeting at the First Church, at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D.

Minutes were read and approved.

Voted, That the article in the Constitution in respect to Sabbath School Union be referred to the committee chosen to recommend improvements.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:

Prof. William A. Packard, Hanover, *Primary;* Rev. V. J. Hartshorne, Enfield, *Substitute.*

To the Methodist Episcopal Conference of New-Hampshire:

Rev. Elijah Harmon, Winchester, *Primary;* Rev. S. H. Amsden, Alstead, *Substitute.*

To the Baptist Convention of New-Hampshire:

Rev. William J. Tucker, Manchester, *Primary;* Rev. Arthur Little, Bedford, *Substitute.*

To the Free-will Baptist Yearly Meeting:

Rev. L. Z. Ferris, Pittsfield, *Primary;* Rev. Wm. O. Carr, Barnstead Parade, *Substitute.*

To the General Convention of Vermont:

Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton, *Primary;* Rev. Harvey M. Stone, Laconia, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

Rev. Rufus Case, Jaffrey, *Primary;* Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Rhode-Island:

Rev. Hiram Mead, Nashua, *Primary;* Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, Nashua, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Connecticut:

Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, *Primary;* Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of New-York:

Rev. Edward W. Clark, Claremont, *Primary;* Rev. Charles A. Downs, Lebanon, *Substitute.*

To the General Conference of Ohio:

Rev. L. M. Stowe, Sullivan, *Primary;* Rev. Tho's E. Roberts, Swanzey, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Michigan:

Rev. A. C. Field, New Alstead, *Primary;* Rev. Horace Wood, Gilsum, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Indiana:

Rev. George M. Adams, Portsmouth, *Primary;* Rev. Jacob Chapman, Deerfield, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Illinois:

Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Kensington, *Primary;* Rev. J. W. Chickering, Jr., Exeter, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Wisconsin:

Rev. Moses T. Runnells, Sanbornton, *Primary;* Rev. James C. Seagrave, Wentworth, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Iowa:

Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis, *Primary;* Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Minnesota:

Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville, *Primary;* Rev. Smith Norton, East Concord, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Missouri:

Rev. Benjamin Merrill, Pembroke, *Primary;* Rev. George I. Bard, Dunbarton, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Kansas:

Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Tamworth, *Primary;* Rev. Reuben Kimball, North Conway, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Nebraska:

Rev. George F. Merriam, Mason, *Primary;* Rev. George Goodyear, Temple, *Substitute.*

To the General Associations of California and Oregon:

Rev. J. L. Tomlinson, Chester, *Primary;* Rev. Jesse Page, Atkinson, *Substitute.*

To the Congregational Union of Canada:

Rev. Asa Mann, Bath, *Primary;* Rev. Edward H. Greely, Haverhill, *Substitute.*

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. Y.: Rev. J. S. Batchelder, Hinsdale, *Primary;* Rev. William L. Karr, Keene, *Substitute.*

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., having resigned the office of Secretary, the following minute was ordered: The General Association of New-Hampshire, in reluctantly accepting the resignation of Rev. Dr. Davis, who for ten years has filled the offices of Statistical Secretary and Secretary of this body, desire to tender to him their hearty thanks, and to put on record an acknowledgment of the eminent ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of those difficult positions.

Rev. George M. A. Adams was elected Secretary.

Bro. L. D. Osborne, of Keene, was chosen Auditor.

The following minute was ordered: The members of the General Association of New-Hampshire return their cordial thanks to the Committee of Entertainment for their assiduous attentions; to the North and South Congregational Societies for their generous hospitalities; to the Choir of the North Church for their aid in the service of song; and to the Railroad authorities for the reduction of fares.

At 10 o'clock, Association gave way to the annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Having resumed session, voted to adjourn at the close of sacramental services in the afternoon.

THURSDAY P. M.

After the closing sermon by Rev. G. M. Adams, from John 13 : 1, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Association adjourned *sine die.*

E. A. LAWRENCE, *Moderator.*

E. B. CLAGGETT, *Scribe.*

H. A. HAZEN, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

You wish for no preface to the narrative we have to give; you wait for the facts we have gathered from the reports which have come to us from the Conferences represented in this body — facts which we have arranged as well as time and circumstances would permit, and now lay before you, to a great extent in the language of the reports in which they have come to us, following the order of the narrative of the last year. We go up on the western side of the State, come down upon the eastern side, and end with the Conference "which lies in the heart of the Commonwealth."

Cheshire Conference. Of the twenty-six churches composing this Conference, eight have pastors; and twelve or thirteen stated supplies. October 15th, the Second Church in Keene was organized with one hundred and twenty-one members, who had been dismissed from the First Church. Rev. Mr. Leach, having ceased to be associate pastor of the First Church, became acting pastor of the new church.

On the 9th of July, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., was dismissed from the pastorate of the First Church in Keene, an office which he had held with great honor and usefulness for fifty years, and Rev. W. L. Karr was installed in his place.

Rev. Mr. Hasmore has been installed as pastor of the church in Winchester.

About a year ago the house of worship in New Alstead was re-dedicated, and Rev. S. H. Amsden installed as pastor of the church.

Rev. Mr. Gaylord has been called from the pastorate of the church in Fitzwilliam to that of Pearl St. Church in Nashua.

The pastor of the church in Marlborough, in consequence of enfeebled health, will discontinue his labors as soon as the church secures a man to take his place.

No extensive work of grace has blessed, during the past year, any church belonging to this Conference. The dew, if not the rain, of the Spirit, has, however, fallen upon some places. Two churches report, each nine hopeful conversions; another church reports six conversions; the report from another is that "several have experienced hope and united with the church;" another reports the establishment of "a young people's inquiry meeting, which promises good;" a number report congregations and Sabbath schools as having

increase, or as increasing, and one "large contributions to objects of benevolence. And yet from one place the report is, "the church is in a lukewarm state;" from another, "no interest;" from another, "nothing of special interest in the church or among the people;" from another, "congregation very small, and Sabbath school small. One speaks of "things that discourage;" and another of "difficulties to be overcome." And so in this, as in every other Conference, the strong and the feeble—those who labor, stimulated and encouraged by what they see as fruit of their labors, and those whom lack of success does not dishearten—meet together.

Sullivan Conference. Of the thirteen churches composing this Conference, more than half are feeble. Three have no stated preaching. Three have settled pastors, and seven acting pastors.

Meriden has received a pastor during the year—Rev. E. P. Abbott.

Mr. Scott, lately graduated at Andover, Mass., is preaching at Newport with great acceptance. The Society there are frescoing their church and putting in circular pews, and a twenty-seven hundred dollar organ. Claremont Church also rejoices in the prospect of a new organ. The Society in Langdon has been renovating their church and parsonage. Such signs of waking up in these and in other societies are noticed with pleasure. An active, liberal policy, is much needed in our churches.

Acworth, Meriden, and Newport, have enjoyed some revival interest during the year. There have been some twelve or fifteen conversions at Newport, and as many at Meriden.

Some of the Sabbath schools connected with the Conference are quite flourishing, and some very feeble. The cause of temperance is about as last year, no advance in particular having been made. The law and the officers of the law are not supported by the people as they should be. The low state of business has shown itself in diminished contributions to benevolent objects.

Grafton Conference. Three pastors have been dismissed, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., from the church in Lyme, after a successful pastorate of 35 years. His people showed their appreciation of his faithful services by a generous pecuniary offering. Rev. J. D. Emerson, from the church in Haverhill, after a pastorate of nine years. He is now pastor of a church in Biddeford, Me. More recently Rev. Henry A. Hazen has been dismissed from the church in Plymouth, and accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in Lyme.

The church in Canaan have secured the services of Mr. J. H. O'Brien. A Free-will Baptist minister is preaching to the church in Hill. The churches in Bridgewater, Dorchester, and

Thornton, remain as they have been for several years past, with only a nominal existence.

There has been no general and marked religious interest in any congregation. Seventy-four have been added to the churches, 14 of them to the church in Lyme, as the result of the revival a year ago. But while the additions to the churches have been less than the last year, the removals have been larger—115 in all. Two churches report, each 15 removals; one 12, and two 11 each. Forty-seven baptisms are reported—twenty-five of infants.

The interest in Sabbath schools continues without abatement—in some places is increasing. The Sabbath school concert is generally observed.

The "week of prayer" was observed by many of the churches with interest and spiritual gain.

There has been no loss of interest and zeal in the temperance cause, and more would be far better than less.

The church in Danbury are paying a debt on the parsonage and repairing their house of worship.

The church in Hanover (Dartmouth College), and the church in Wentworth, have also repaired and improved (the latter remodeled) their church buildings.

Coos Conference. Eight churches, four of which have enjoyed the preaching of the gospel through the year. No general revival in any place, but most of the churches report a few conversions and a few additions. At West Stewartstown a student from Amherst College labored for nine weeks in the winter. A good degree of interest was manifested, and there were three or four cases of hopeful conversion. Mr. C. M. Terry, from Union Theological Seminary, has been laboring, during the summer, in Bethlehem and Franconia, with hopeful indications. In Littleton special interest was manifested during the "week of prayer," but was hindered and mostly dissipated by intense political excitement.

Strafford Conference. Two churches have been organized during the year, one at Barnstead Parade, and one of fifteen members in Lee. Four churches—the Belknap church in Dover, the churches in Rochester, Laconia, and Sanbornton—have received pastors. Rev. Mr. Holmes, who had preached on alternate Sabbaths at Sandwich and North Sandwich, now confines his labors to the North church. Rev. Charles Willey has left Center-Harbor for another field of labor in the State.

Most of the churches report external prosperity. The territory connected with the church formed at Barnstead Parade is quite small, and yet more has been raised for the institutions of religion than was formerly raised by the whole town, and the average attendance upon the Sabbath meetings

has greatly increased. The house of worship has been repaired and refitted, and a fine bell purchased, at an expense of $550.

The church in Farmington is rejoicing in the prospect of soon having a new, commodious and pleasantly located house of worship. One hundred dollars has been added to the salary of the pastor. The congregation larger than ever before. The church in Barrington has received a legacy of one thousand dollars.

The Sabbath schools are, most of them, as large certainly, and as efficient as a year ago. Some of them have greatly increased in numbers. Special mention is made of the Belknap Sabbath school in Dover, the schools in Durham and Farmington. Thirty persons, most of them adults, became members of the school in Durham on one Sabbath. But while most of the churches at least hold their own—if they are not gaining in numbers and strength—a few have been greatly blessed, enlarged and strengthened. The pastor of the church in Durham, in September last, resigned his pastorate, assigning as his reasons, that some of the people desired a change; that it might be for the interest of the church and society to make the effort necessary to secure a minister that would satisfy them; and that his salary did not more than half pay his current expenses. At the same time he preached a sermon on ministerial support, stating what the people would probably have to do in securing a new minister. Upon the pastor's return to the place, after an absence of a few weeks, a committee waited upon him, saying in substance, that the subject of his resignation had been considered; no new cases of dissatisfaction had come to their knowledge; that a new subscription paper had been circulated, and his salary doubled, and finally they had come to the conclusion that they should not find a new man that would unite the people any better than their present pastor. The pastor withdrew his resignation. In November a series of meetings commenced, continuing about three weeks. The members of the church were awakened to higher and better views of christian life, and not a few souls, a large part of them adults, were led to choose Christ as their portion. The congregation has been increased about one half, and the Sabbath school one third, and things are proportionately better in other directions.

In Milton, also, there has been a precious and powerful work of grace. The whole community were moved, and skeptics asked, "What does this mean?" The Congregational church, and also the Free-will Baptist, have been much enlarged and strengthened. Some other churches speak of more than usual religious interest, and rejoice over souls that have been born again. But all the churches have not held their own; not a few are feeble, and some are declining in numbers and pecuniary

ability. One town, in which there was once a flourishing church, is spoken of as "a moral desolation."

Rockingham Conference. Thirty-one churches. First of all is recognized, with joy and gratitude, the presence of the Spirit of God in the church in Raymond. The interest commenced with "the week of prayer," and had not ceased at the time of the meeting of the Conference. Twenty-three, nineteen by profession, have been added to the church, of whom several are heads of families, and two among the most active business men of the town. Thirty or more are rejoicing in hope.

Portsmouth reports a season of gentle interest. The efforts of the young men in the Receiving Ship in the harbor are producing happy results.

North-Hampton has been somewhat favored of the Spirit, and some seven or eight, it is hoped, have given themselves to the Lord.

The churches in Exeter, Epping, and Hampstead, report additions, and a number of the churches report cases of conversion.

The church in Kingston has received a pastor, and repaired the church and parsonage.

The society at Hampton-Falls has remodeled the interior of their church edifice at an expense of two thousand dollars.

Stratham has dismissed its pastor.

The church at South-Newmarket, for a time without the preached word, has obtained the services of Rev. Mr. Otis.

Rev. Giles Leach has assumed the care of the church in Rye.

The Conference welcomes a new member in the church of South Seabrook, numbering twenty-eight. In this place, of one hundred and twenty families, where the state of religion was deplorably low, gratifying evidence of a genuine and permanent work of grace has been witnessed, and there is promise, which the churches hail with joy, that an old waste will be built. A free church building, for which twenty-six hundred dollars have been subscribed outside the place, it is hoped will be finished before winter.

Some of the churches report flourishing Sabbath schools.

In the temperance reform, while the laborers in some places are making good progress, in Portsmouth and some other places they find special discouragements.

There has been a gratifying increase in the contributions by some of the churches to causes of benevolence.

Hillsborough Conference. The report for this conference, a model of its kind, very full and well arranged, gives ample proof that as regards the external material interests of the churches, the past year has been one of a good measure of prosperity. Only a part of the facts given can we present. The Franklin Street Society, in Manchester, has improved its

condition by payment of debt of $7000, under the shadow of which it had been living for years. The Hanover Street people have repaired their house of worship, and, not satisfied with what they have already done and are always doing for their beloved pastor, have again raised his salary, so that "he now presents the rare spectacle of a minister who has salary enough." Repairs, varying in expense from $500 to over $2000, have been made upon the Pearl Street Church in Nashua, and the houses of worship in Bedford, Goffstown, Greenfield, Hollis, Milford, New-Boston and Temple. Commodious chapels or vestries have been, or are soon to be built in Francestown, Hillsborough Bridge, Nashua, by the First Society, New-Ipswich and Wilton. An organ has been placed in the church in Milford, and in the church in New-Ipswich, and the salary of the pastor of the church in Peterborough has been increased to $1000. Here, surely, are evidences of external prosperity. The churches in Antrim, Goffstown, Bennington, Litchfield, Merrimack and Milford, the First Church in Nashua, are without pastors. Pastors have been installed over the Olive Street and the Pearl Street churches in Nashua, and the church in New-Ipswich. Rev. Dr. Keeler, from Maine, has become acting pastor of the church in Mont-Vernon.

There are feeble Churches in this Conference, but we find in the conference report evidence of a good deal of life and vigor in some of them. A legacy, received by the church in Litchfield, will enable it to dispense with aid from the Missionary Society.

The attendance upon the Sabbath, and prayer meetings, would seem to have increased—in some places greatly. And yet what has been ascertained to be true with regard to one of the towns of the county—that first on the list alphabetically, and, it might almost be said, in point of privilege—it is to be feared is true of all the other towns, that about one third of the population live in neglect of public worship. As regards good order, temperance, thoughtfulness on the subject of religion, christian culture and growth, the reports from the churches of this conference indicate no deterioration, but rather the existence of a higher, better, more earnest tone of piety than in some former years.

From no one of the thirty-five churches, it is said, does there come a report of a deep, thorough, pervading work of the spirit, such as most of them have known in years that are gone; and yet, quite a number report cases of conversion: one, the church in New-Ipswich, about thirty, and many of the churches would seem to have been revived if not enlarged.

Merrimack Conference. Rev. Dr. Bouton, after a pastorate most honorable to himself and the church, of over forty years, has been succeeded, as pastor of the First Church in Concord,

by Rev. F. D. Ayer. May his pastorate be as long and as fruitful of good as was that of his predecessor!

Rev. Dr. Young has become acting pastor of the church in Hopkinton, and Rev. J. B. Cook of the church in Salisbury, in place of Rev. U. W. Condit.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, after a pastorate of more than seventeen years, in consequence of ill health, has felt compelled to resign his position as pastor of the church in Henniker, and has been released from service there.

The membership of the churches of this Conference would seem to be about the same as last year, the deaths and dismissions having been about equal to the additions. The interest in the cause of christian benevolence appears, on the whole, to be advancing. The cause of temperance, except in a few instances, apparently is not receiving much attention—not that attention certainly which it should receive, in view of the increase of intemperance in the land.

A good report comes from many societies with regard to the number attending public worship, while from other places the report is of the opposite character. In the Sabbath Schools the interest would seem to be advancing. This is noted as an encouraging fact. From one place the report is that seven tenths of the congregation belong to the Sabbath School, and that of one class of young ladies all but one have united with the church, the result of personal and constant labor by the teacher.

Revivals of religion of considerable interest and power have been enjoyed in Canterbury, Pembroke, and at Sanbornton Bridge. In Pembroke the spirit began his awakening and converting work among the young people in the academy, twenty-four of whom came to the inquiry meeting at one time.

Such is the account, brief and very imperfect, of the condition of Congregational and Presbyterian churches of this State. What would He say of them "who holdeth the stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks?" Very different in many respects, probably, would his report be from the one we bring. Many a church, that we would call a prosperous church, He perhaps would pronounce "poor," and of this and that church of which we speak as having "little strength," He would say perhaps, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." What report have *we* to give of the churches? Let every minister and every church member ask, rather, "what would He say of the churches and of 'the angels,' or ministers of the churches?"

Incomplete and imperfect as the narrative we have given may be, we surely shall find that which should fill our hearts with emotions of gratitude and our mouths with praise.

These churches have not existed—these ministers and sabbath school teachers and christians—have not labored in vain. Good has been accomplished, more than we can see, more than we can tell.

But find we not reason for humiliation? So many churches and church members, so many ministers of the gospel, so many sabbath schools and sabbath school teachers, so many pastors, who have covenanted with God to train their children for Him; so many promises "exceedingly large and precious," all fitted to encourage hope and stimulate to labor, the Holy Spirit waiting for the prayer to which he is promised, to come and "establish the work of our hands." Surely we ought to be able to tell of more work done for Christ, of more inroads made upon the kingdom of darkness, of more souls brought, given, and consecrated to Christ, of more, a great deal more, given, that "His way may be known on earth, His saving health among all nations;" of more, many more, churches greatly revived, enlarged, and strengthened.

Listen! Hear we not Him, in whom is the strength of every church and of every christian, saying to these churches and those who minister to them, as they enter upon another year of labor, trial, and changes, "*The Lord is with you while ye be with Him?*"

JOSEPH BLAKE,
H. A. HAZEN.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. SAMUEL KINGSBURY died in Tamworth, November 8, 1867, aged 69 years, 5 months, and 20 days. He was born in Franklin, Mass., May 18, 1798. He graduated at Brown University in 1822, and at Andover Theological Seminary, 1825. Mr. Kingsbury was a sound and accurate scholar, and was highly esteemed by his classmates. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Andover, N. H., January 14, 1829. He was dismissed from Andover, January 11, 1831, and installed in Jamaica, Vt., May 19, 1831. His pastorate in Jamaica was also short, but was greatly blessed. A powerful revival accompanied his labors, bringing converts into the church, of all ages, from eleven to eighty years, and during his ministry of about two years, there were accessions to the church at every communion season. He was dismissed from Jamaica, March 5, 1833. He was installed again in Warwick,

Mass., November 6, 1833, where he remained until June 30, 1835. After his dismission from Warwick, he did not again take a pastorate charge, though returning to Vermont, he supplied, alternately, during the following winter and spring, the parishes of Worcester and Middlesex, and, for three years, was acting pastor of the church in Underhill. He then taught the Academy in Jericho a year and a half, after which he resumed ministerial labor, as acting pastor, for one year, (1841) in Thornton, this State. But his health failing, he was constrained to relinquish the active labors of the ministry, and retired, with a family of five sons and a daughter, to a farm in Tamworth, where he spent the remainder of his days.

Although thus disenabled to pursue his chosen work, Mr. Kingsbury never could be said to have demitted the sacred office. He maintained ministerial intercourse with his brethren in their associational and ecclesiastical meetings, greatly loved their society and shared their sincere affection and esteem. He was a most valued and useful member of the church in Tamworth, and ever the confiding friend of its pastor, for the time being, to whom, with rare meekness of wisdom, he gave his unqualified moral support.

Mr. Kingsbury was greatly blessed in his family. Two of his sons, having graduated at Dartmouth College and at the Theological Seminaries, respectively, of Andover and Princeton, were in the pastoral charge of Congregational churches in New-England, before his death. Two other sons, of piety and promise, periled and lost their lives in the volunteer service of their country in the war of the rebellion. The youngest remains at home, the stay of his widowed mother.

"*He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost,*" *and the blessings of the covenant were upon his house.*

Rev. JOHN WILDE, born in Dorchester, Mass., 1803; graduated at Middlebury in 1827; at Andover in 1831; settled in Grafton, Mass., in 1832; in Conway, this State, in 1839; in West Falmouth, Me., 1845; in Topsham, Me., 1853; a teacher in Brunswick, Me., several years; afterward, in the State of New-York. Died in Alexandria, Va., Feb. 10, 1868, aged 65.

Mr. Wilde was not an ordinary man; though diffident and self-distrustful, not courting but shrinking from public observation, he was not extensively known. Says one who knew him well: "He had grasp of intellect and imagination, and great resources of mind and heart. He read largely, and thought profoundly. He excelled as a classical scholar, and often exhibited great power in the pulpit. His aspirations were lofty; his nature truly noble. But his sensibilities, at all times keen, were sometimes morbid, perhaps. Moods and depressions, to which he was subject, affected injuriously, at times, probably, his usefulness, as they certainly did his happiness.

In the horizon of the heart's memories and affections of those who knew him most intimately, a star of *occasional* but eminent luster has set. For there was a natural splendor in his mental and moral endowments. It is pleasant to know that this splendor was undimmed in his last days. He suffered intensely, but with great patience and fortitude. He had through life a great fear of death; but could now speak of dying with a smile even." "The good shepherd" was with him; "his rod and staff they comforted him." "Jesus, Jesus," he exclaimed before his departure, "I want to think of nothing but Jesus! He is my trust, my comfort, my all!"

Rev. ALVAH SPAULDING, who died at Weathersfield, Vt., on the 11th of May, labored as a minister of Christ for twenty-nine years at Cornish, in this State, where his body now sleeps in hope of a glorious resurrection. His death was very sudden and unexpected. On the 10th of May he preached all day to his people. Monday, the 11th, he worked all day in his garden, took supper with his family, and went to bed, seemingly as well as usual, at 9 o'clock. About midnight he awoke to hear the cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," and in a brief half hour "the last of earth" had come to him. Montgomery's hymn, commencing "Servant of God, well done!" was most appropriately sung at the funeral.

Rev. ENOCH CORSER died at Boscawen, June 17, 1868, aged 81. His funeral was attended on the 19th. Most of the ministers of the Hopkinton Association were present. Rev. Dr. Bouton, of Concord, preached from 2 Tim. 4:6–8. Mr. Corser was of Scotch descent, son of David Corser, who, with his father, came from Newbury, Ms., and settled in the western part of Boscawen, on what is called "Corser Hill." He was born January 2, 1787. At the age of 17 he united with the church, under the late Rev. Dr. Wood, of Boscawen, with whom he fitted for college; graduated at Middlebury, Vt., 1811; read Divinity with the late Dr. Walter Harris, of Dunbarton; was ordained and settled in the ministry, over the Congregational church in Loudon, N. H., in March, 1817. There, in a pastorate of twenty years, his labors were greatly blessed. Several powerful revivals of religion were enjoyed, and many added to the church. Mr. Corser's salary at settlement was $400, but he relinquished $100 in consideration of the feebleness of the society. On account of difficulties arising in the parish, he was dismissed, by advice of council, in 1837. During the period of protracted meetings, in 1831–36, he preached with great power and success in most of the towns in the vicinity of Loudon. His labors in Deerfield will long be remembered. From 1838 to 1843, he supplied the church at Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge, in which time about 75 were added. A

year and a half he preached at Plymouth, and afterward, in 1845, he supplied the church in Epping, about two years.

Mr. Corser was a man of large physical frame, vigorous health, and strong powers of mind; his emotions, when excited, gave him great power in the pulpit. He was firm in the Calvinistic view of doctrines of the Gospel, and preached them frequently and earnestly. He rarely wrote his sermons. In prayer he was copious and often lengthy. His conversation was entertaining and instructive. His last years were spent in quiet retirement, useful and happy, and as he had lived, so he died in the faith of Christ and in the hope of rest with him in Heaven. He leaves a son and two daughters.

Mrs. E. T. Leach, wife of Rev. G. Leach, died in Rye, June 16, aged 59. She was a native of Heath, Mass. Was a pupil successively of Miss Lyon and Miss Hazeltine. Became a disciple of the Great Teacher when thirteen years of age, under the influence of whose example, teachings, and grace, was formed a remarkably symmetrical christian character, into whose disinterested and self-sacrificing spirit she largely drank. She was a light and blessing in her home; a true helper of her husband in his ministerial labors. A clergyman who knew her well, says, "I think in very many respects she was a model minister's wife." And a sister of the church, with which she was connected the last thirteen years, says, "Many pleasant hours I have spent with her; and I never parted from her without feeling happier, and that I ought to be better."

Died in Campton, June 20th, 1868, Mrs. Louisa C. Hadley. Mrs. Hadley was born in Amherst, Mass., June 28, 1811. A child of the covenant, she gave herself to the Saviour and the church, at the age of fifteen or sixteen. She was educated at the Ipswich Seminary, Mass., under those distinguished teachers, Miss Grant (now Mrs. Banister) and Miss Lyon. In 1838, she became the wife of Rev. James B. Hadley, then pastor of a church in Amesbury, Mass. Entering upon her new duties, she wrote in her diary: "God, in his providence, has removed me from the home of my childhood and the scenes of my youth, and placed me in a sphere altogether *new* and full of *responsibility*. Now I think, if I know my own heart, I do sincerely desire to spend and be spent in the service of my Lord and redeemer." This desire she never lost; it grew stronger, rather, from year to year. In all the places in which she resided as a pastor's wife, Amesbury, Mass., Standish, Me., and Campton, in this State, she is remembered as one "who rejoiced that it was given her in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to work and deny herself for his sake." Not a few souls have been given to her prayers and efforts, by writing to and conversing with them, to draw them to Christ.

Never strong, for the last five years of her life she was a great sufferer; for the last two or three years, perfectly blind. But from day to day, through these years of suffering, her language was, "How good the Lord is, how much we have to be thankful for." During no period of her life, probably, did she more for the cause she loved, so honor Christ, and recommend religion to others. Her christian character appeared more and more beautiful, as she neared her heavenly home. "I feel," she one evening remarked to her husband, "that I am standing on the bank of a river, beyond which all is light, and that Christ is beckoning me to come over. I never thought I should see death in this light. I have no fear of death."

Mr. GEORGE H. KIMBALL, died in Cambridgeport, Ms., March 26, 1868, aged nearly 29 years. Some of the facts of this young brother's life entitle him to rememberance in this record. Born in Gilmanton, and uniting with the church there at the age of 15 years, he early felt a strong desire to fit himself for the ministry. Failing health, however, did not permit him to pursue his studies in college, but, with returning strength, while engaged in business in Boston, he still pursued Greek studies, and improved all opportunities to prepare himself for the still hoped for privilege of preaching Christ. In October, 1865, he entered Bangor Seminary, and pursued theological studies there for two years; at the same time teaching, working in Sabbath Schools, and preaching thirty times in his first year. He undoubtedly went beyond his strength, working so earnestly and joyously that he did not seem to realize that he was not able to go through every thing. In November last he entered Yale Seminary, but after a few weeks there he returned home to die. The master had other service for him than that which he so longed for here. His end was peace and joy in his Saviour.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association:

DEAR BRETHREN: When our forefathers reëstablished the independent church of Apostolic times, they did it with a chief reference to religious freedom. It was secured to a later day, even our own, to discern that the pattern of Church-order, given in the New Testament, is also most effective for the

evangelization of the communities in which it is followed. Many, no doubt, in all denominations, have accomplished much, hitherto, by the efficient working of the local church; but our times have been the first to recognize the exceeding importance to the Divine Kingdom, of labors conducted in city, town, village, or hamlet, under no grander auspices than those of the humble body of believers within its borders.

The ages of men are naturally fixed on great movements, societies, institutions. And these have done, both in our own land and in other lands, and are yet doing, most important work; it is impossible to see how their services can be dispensed with. But they do not occupy the chief place in "the Divine order." God works, universally, through the individual christian and the local church. It is to them that the Divine blessing is especially promised; not to organizations that overarch a continent and compel attention by the magnitude of their operations, and, too often, alas! by their dissensions also. And as nothing, it has frequently been observed, is so strong, so durable, so hard to destroy as the local church, so nothing, we begin to perceive, is so effective.

Permit us, then, brethren, to urge upon you the cultivation of right sentiments toward the specific church with which you are connected. Prize it, cherish it, love it. Is it small, obscure, uninfluential? Do its obvious imperfections tempt you to fix your gaze rather on the church universal, whose short-comings do not thrust themselves so plainly upon your notice? Remember that it was of such that Christendom was first composed; that the churches which Paul planted and Apollos watered—the churches to which Paul and Barnabas ministered—the churches to which the Apostle to the Gentiles addressed with so much respect and affection, were such as yours. Small and unnoted by the great world, many if not most of them containing members glaringly defective in the christian temper. Yes, it was to such that He "who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks" sent words so full of love, even when accompanied by rebuke. We repeat, then, brethren prize your church.

Not that we would have you indifferent to the denomination of which it is a member, nor to the great body of Christ's churches throughout the world. So far from this, the labors for it and with it of which we are yet to speak, will bind you the more closely to them; and will, perhaps, do more than any thing else to save you from the pernicious influence of sectarianism. But we would urge you to catch the spirit of the New Testament; in this respect we would urge you to ponder its leaves as conveyed in the Acts of the Apostles and elsewhere, until you rightly estimate the local church with which God has cast your lot.

But now let us come at once to that which we have especially in mind at this time—labor by the local church for the irreligious world around it. It is evident that there is a work to be done, a work for our country and our Saviour which we have hardly begun to touch. The minds of thoughtful men are turned more and more to the multitudes of our population who exercise all the rights of citizenship and yet are not at all imbued with those fundamental principles of godliness and morality on which our National Institutions rest; the minds of christian men are turned more and more to the same and still greater multitudes who are living and dying without making any voluntary contribution to God's glory and without any good hope of eternal life. Not only our large but our smaller places abound in those who have no interest either in christian institutions or in christian truth. How shall they be reached? How shall they be brought under the power of the reforming and elevating principles of the Gospel? still more, how shall they be *saved?*

It is clear that the pulpit can not reach them, for they will not come within its reach. It is clear that the occupant of the pulpit can do comparatively little for them, for what is one man, however great his strength and ardent his zeal, among so many? Plainly, they can be benefited only as Christ's people go to them with the gospel. They are committed to the local church—to the sympathies and prayers and the labors of the local church. Nothing else will ever save them. It is to it that they make their appeal—what say we? they do *not* make an appeal; this is the great discouragement in their case that they are so utterly indifferent to the gospel, if they do not positively rejoice in their freedom from disturbance by it. But *Christ* makes an appeal for them; to the local church, *he* who himself came to seek and to save that which was lost, calls in behalf of these lost sheep.

And this is just what you yourselves need, brethren, even such labors as these. The numbers of many of our churches are falling off through death and removal; you need to *recruit* from the world around you. Without such recruiting, the death of your church is inevitable, and, it may be, speedy. Is it too much to say that you have no right to let it die on your hands? May you not presume that the same holy spirit who converted *you* is ready to bless your efforts? Certainly the same Saviour's love is to be presented as moved *your* hearts. Brethren, be not unfaithful to your trust! And in *other* cases, among our stronger churches, there is need of such work for the sake of the church itself. Not only does it require more members—how many churches, for want of them, are living at a poor, dying rate!—but those that it has, require activity for the development of their christian character. Many of our

church members are languishing from a moral dyspepsia; they need exercise! Go forth, brethren, go forth, and what your hands find to do, do with your might.

Nor let our feeble churches, or individual members of any of our churches, plead the poverty of their gifts, intellectual or otherwise, in excuse for their neglect. Remember, brethren, that our Lord, in rebuking indolence, took as an example of it, on one occasion, the servant as poorly endowed as his fellow servants, and, on another, the servant *most* poorly endowed. It was he that had received but one talent, while his comrades had received five and two talents respectively, that the Master selected to represent unprofitable servants in his kingdom. *Matt.* 25: 14–30.

But what shall we do, then, do you ask? *Put that question*, we reply, *to the Head of the Church.* Go to him in earnest prayer and ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have us to do?—*us*—of this particular church." There is much in the mere offering of such a petition when offered aright. What is involved in it, must be thought of, and *meant;* that is, self-consecration; a willingness to do what God may indicate, is implied in the prayer when genuine. And such a prayer will bring down blessings of many kinds, and it will bring an answer. What that answer will be in each specific case, of course it is not for us to anticipate. In many cases, it will point, we may suppose, to a revival of interest in the Sabbath School; in others, to meetings conducted by the brethren in school-houses and distant neigbborhoods; in others still, to some system of visitation; and in still others, to all of these. In every case, we can not doubt, that the prayer, if deserving of the name of prayer, will be heard, and that in God's own time, which is the best time, the answer will be plain. If Paul is bidden, in reply to his petition, to go into Damascus, there it is shown him what the Lord will have him to do, and he can have no doubt of the Lord's meaning. *Acts* 22: 10, 14, 15.

Assuredly, brethren, *something* should be done. Our churches, as a whole, did not gain at all last year—the year ending July 1, 1867, we mean—but sustained a slight loss! It is true that one hundred and eighty-six more were dismissed than were received by letter; but certainly one hundred and eighty-eight churches should gain from the world enough to overcome this difference, even when swelled by thirty excommunications. And in any event the fact *remains*, a fact none the less painful, surely, because there might have been a slight net increase, if so many had not been excommunicated! The fact remains. And the report for the preceding year was no better. And we fear that the returns for the year just closed will show no material change. How long shall this go on? Brethren of the ministry! are you "seeking for souls?" Have you (in

another's words), have you such a "sense of your divine work as takes away all hankering after self-devised missions; as preserves you from the indolence and loss of studious habits, which threaten the ruin of so many; as saves you from the petty ambitions which are fatal in so many cases; as preserves you from that silence of indifference in your intercourse with your people which is leaving them to hurry in their own unhindered way to perdition; as transforms your whole pastoral work into what it should be, "*a seeking for souls?*" Brethren of the church! are you doing *your* part faithfully—using the functions of the local church in the way God made them to be used? "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth!"

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

In the report presented to this Society at its anniversary in 1864, some anticipations were expressed in relation to the future of our country. The war once happily ended, it was said, "we shall have become a *new* nation, as truly new as when, not quite ninety years ago, we first took a national position. Far more than before shall we be a Democratic Republic; the world will recognize, and we shall recognize in our success, the success of popular institutions. The long battle between the democratic and the oligarchic principles in our land will be over, and the former will assert and evolve its organizing power, as it has not yet been able to do. The results of this none can imagine. History gives no aid. But a new nation will stand upon these shores, of extraordinary vigor and corresponding influence in the world. On the basis of these anticipations, whose reasonableness was universally admitted, an appeal was made for renewed effort in raising a ministry so educated as to do the requisite work among such a people.

But into this "new nation" elements have begun to enter which were scarcely, if at all, noted four years ago. The

wonderful development of the vast region beyond the borders of Nebraska and Kansas, deserves especial notice. As speaker Colfax said, in a speech made during the present month in Denver, itself seven hundred miles west of the Mississippi, and two hundred miles west of Kansas, there is an "immense area stretching from Mexico to British America—a thousand miles, a thousand miles also in width, comprising a million square miles, seamed with gold and silver veins." Across this area a railway is hurrying with a speed which is among the marvels even of this age. And along its line, as elsewhere over that vast surface, thousands of settlers, men of nerve and decision and positive convictions, are choosing their future homes. What must be the influence of this part of our domain upon the rest, even if its population should never be so dense as that of the rest? Comprising one third of our whole country—we are speaking, be it observed, only of the region that lies, mainly, west of the Rocky Mountains—comprising *one third* of our whole country, what must be the influence of this portion of our people upon the remainder a few years hence? It has been said with much truth that America properly begins only with the Alleghanies; that our country east of them is Europe in a modified form. But when that territory beyond not merely the Alleghanies, but beginning twenty-five degrees of longitude still farther west, shall be in measure occupied with a sagacious, peaceful, and organized multitude, what an element will have been cast into the national life! How uncertain its character! How *certain* its malign influence upon all that is valuable and venerable in the land, except as it shall be pervaded, transformed, by the gospel!

For, to mention no other reason, another element, closely connected with the one we have been considering, demands our attention, still more perplexing and still more dangerous. Opposite our Pacific coast—opposite the coast, then, of that very region of which we have just been speaking—stands the greatest of Pagan empires. At least four hundred millions of heathens inhabit China; and these have begun their descent upon that shore. Not more surely (it would seem) did the barbarians come down from the "northern hive" upon Rome, than are the swarms of Sincin moving upon us. On the one side, the western side of the Pacific, a territory covered with people 100 to the square mile—on the other, the eastern side, a territory almost uninhabited—with steam communication between, what more certain than that hundreds of thousands will seek for food and shelter on our soil? and the advance guard is already here. And what more probable than that, with the completion of that road on which so many of them are now engaged, myriads of them will press on to our central,

nay, to our eastern States also, to supply the vast and never satisfied demand for laborers?

What this immigration foreshadows we know not. Possibly the solution of the race question of the South is to be through its instrumentality, and that might be a great blessing. But this we know, that these people are pagans; intelligent, industrious, and enterprising, and, therefore, on *some* accounts, the most dangerous of pagans. Pagan temples may be expected to dot our land, among the rest; pagan morality may be expected to do its part toward poisoning our national wellsprings. And who can begin to imagine the influence of men reared under a thoroughly despotic government and among usages sodden in heathenism upon our American institutions!

Nor is it an entirely unimportant circumstance—on the contrary, the future may reveal a meaning in it altogether beyond our present ken—that these strange people should come from the home of the Buddhist faith at a time when the positive philosophy is securing such a place of power among the educated minds of christendom. The analogy between Buddhism and Positiveism has been traced by some, and it would *seem* to be not fanciful but real. Little as we may now fear from the influence of humble Chinamen in the sphere of religious thought, yet let us remember how little was feared by many or most of us in this specific direction from the Irish or from the Catholic Germans, not many years since. We did not then deem it necessary to study carefully the Romanish theology; popular histories of the Reformation sufficed us. But how different the position occupied by that theology to-day!

And this remark suggests one more element in the "new nation," to be considered. Within the last few years, Romanism has entered upon a career, in our land, of an altogether different character from its previous course here. As many have remarked, it is no longer deprecatory; it is hopeful, nay, confident. It boasts its gains already made; it vaunts still more loudly the victories which a swift future keeps for it. And its appliances are now so complete that, regarded from some points of view, its predictions are not idle. It has even its ally within the Protestant inclosure; for that Ritualism, which is attracting so much attention in our country, as well as in England, is nothing else than this.

And this element of Romanism complicates or aggravates the one last spoken of, as that the preceding. For, among those multitudes of Chinamen to settle on our soil, this false faith will be active. It is preparing for their advent, doubtless; and, saved from the long voyage to remote China, it will use our country to accomplish its purposes upon them. With the "Freedmen," too, it will be busy, making the day of that deliverance to which it contributed nothing, but which, rather,

it delayed as much as it could, the day of their reënslavement to a worse bondage.

Such are some of the elements that have begun to enter into our national life. They awaken the gravest concern in all thoughtful men. They do not, at least they should not, discourage; our God ruleth over all, and is directing all, we may be sure, to the advancement of his kingdom. The grander the strife, the more glorious the victory. If we are to fight with Paganism and Romanism, both, on our soil, so be it. God appoints the battle, not we; and therein is hope. Moreover, we have always expected and intended to fight them *somewhere;* and it is more convenient for us, and more promising for us, to fight them on our own ground. We have been too tardy in seeking them out; now our Leader suddenly confronts us with them, and bids us defend ourselves as well as assail them—and defend ourselves *by* assailing them here. Amen, Lord God of hosts! And hitherto hast thou helped us! But, if there is hope and if there is privilege for us in these facts, so is there responsibility—which is the other name of privilege. And patriotism has its claims on us, as well as piety. We would have our beloved country pay *willing* tribute to the glory of our God and Saviour; and plainer and plainer does it become that our national institutions need, for an indispensable foundation, the principles of the gospel. No greater slave than they, otherwise. Capable of wonderful efficiency for good; admirably adapted to develop the individual man; excellently fitted for a virtuous people to live under, they *assume* the existence of such a people, and without it there is no greater vanity than they.

It devolves upon us, then, to use with renewed and intensified energy the various agencies for good which God has put into our hands. Among these, is that of raising up a ministry of the gospel; so far, that is, as any part of such a work is man's. Something to this end is doing among us. The American Education Society has already aided nearly 6000 candidates for the ministry, of whom nearly one half are supposed to be now living and in the field. "More than one third of the foreign missionaries now laboring in concert with the American Board, were assisted by it." During the past year it has helped three hundred and thirty-three young men; or forty more than during the preceding year, and eighty more than in the year before that, but nearly forty less than in the year the war began. Of these three hundred and thirty-three, one hundred and forty-seven were students in College; the remainder, nearly two hundred, were students in the Theological Seminary. About one third in each stage were members of institutions outside of New-England; a fact for the most part favorable in its indications. It may properly be added

that the earnings of those assisted amount to a larger sum than that given by the Society.

It only remains to be said that four have been aided in Dartmouth College, and that about $300 have been contributed to the Society within our State—a slight increase on the contributions of recent years.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

August 27, 1868.

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was held in Concord on the third day of June, 1868.

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: namely,

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.
Shadrach Seavey, Treasurer.
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., }
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, } Executive Committee.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., }
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Auditor.

The donations for the year closing May 31, 1868, have been as follows:

For the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Clergymen in the State,	$14.00
Contributed at the General Association,	5.00
Ladies of Exeter,	23.52
Piscataqua Association,	6.00
Congregational Society, Bath,	8.55
	$57.07

For the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

Congregational Society, Gilmanton Center,	$5.71
" " " Iron Works,	5.00
" " Meredith Village,	34.00
" " Laconia,	29.55
" " Campton,	19.00

Congregational Society,		Hopkinton,	10.00
"	"	Gilmanton Iron Works,	2.50
"	"	(South) Concord,	31.50
"	"	Plymouth,	7.00
"	"	Fisherville,	15.50
"	"	West Concord,	13.05
"	"	West Lebanon,	17.00
"	"	Deerfield Center,	4.00
"	"	Concord, North,	25.00
"	"	Keene, First,	31.00
"	"	Hanover,	30.00
Mrs. Lydia Kimball,			1.00
S. Cavis, Esq., Bristol,			5.00
Mrs. A. R. Cass, Bristol,			5.00
Contributed at the General Association,			51.53
Two female friends,			20.00
Sanbornton Bridge,			21.00
			$381.35

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, holden immediately after the adjournment of the Trustees, it was voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars ($220) to eleven widows in restricted circumstances.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, August, 1868.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE, AUGUST 23, 1865.

[At Newport, N. H.]

It is now fifty years since "the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund" received their charter of incorporation from the Legislature of the State. It seems, therefore, a fit occasion to lay before this General Association—by whose action this charitable fund was founded—a statement, somewhat in detail, of the doings of the Trustees in relation to the charity entrusted to them.

In making this statement, by direction of the Trustees, it will be relevant, and, we trust, gratifying to the members of this body, and to all concerned, to give a succinct history of the fund from the beginning—its inception, increase, management, the beneficiaries it has aided, and its present condition.

I. First of all we trace this fund to a particular Providence —even of Him who is the Father of the fatherless and the God of the widow. At the funeral of Rev. Ebenezer Flint, of Brentwood, who died October 12, 1811, aged 42 years, it appeared that the widow then bereaved, with four young children, was in such circumstances of indigence as demanded the charities as well as sympathy of christian friends. Rev. Jonathan French, of North-Hampton, was then a witness of their destitution, and first to his mind was suggested the idea of providing relief. The subject was brought before the General Association, in due form, at Hollis, in 1812, by Rev. John H. Church, and a committee was then appointed, who, at the meeting in Plymouth, the next year, reported a plan for establishing the "Widows' Charitable Fund."

The plan, embracing a constitution, was approved, and a board of twelve Trustees was chosen by the Association, to carry it into effect. The first Trustees were —

Rev. Abijah Wines, *Newport;*
Rev. Jonathan French, *North-Hampton;*
Rev. Nathan Parker, *Portsmouth;*
Deacon Amos Tappan, *Hampton;*
John True, Esq., *Hampstead;*
Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D., *Concord;*
Rev. William Morrison, *Londonderry;*
Doctor Thomas Sargeant, *Chester;*
Rev. Walter Harris, *Dunbarton;*
Rev. William F. Rowland, *Exeter;*
Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford, *New-Boston;*
Rev. John Smith, *Salem* (*N. H.*).

The constitution, which was revised and adopted in full in 1815, provided: Art. 1. That the Board of twelve Trustees shall be called *The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund*, not less than six of whom shall be ordained ministers of the gospel, and five shall constitute a quorum. 2. That the trustees shall meet annually, and elect by ballot, from their own body, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, and two persons to audit the Treasurer's accounts. The usual duties of the several officers were prescribed. 3. That a sermon shall be annually preached, in behalf of the objects of the board, by some one previously appointed for the purpose. [By understood concurrence with the General Association this service was usually assigned to the preacher before that body —though of late years the custom has fallen into desuetude]. 4. Vacancies in the board were to be filled by ballot of the remaining members. 5. Methods devised for collecting funds. 6. The objects of this charity to be the widows and children* of deceased clergymen of the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations. 7. All applications for aid to be made by the widow or children of a deceased minister, or by their agent or guardian, to the prudential committee; and, finally, that the constitution might be amended by the concurrence of the Board with the General Association and *Pastoral Convention*— which body has since ceased to be held—and also that a report should annually be made of their doings to these bodies.

At the first election of officers under the constitution, Rev. William Morrison was chosen President; Dea. Amos Tappan, Secretary; Doctor Thomas Sargeant, Treasurer; Rev. Walter Harris, Rev. Nathan Parker, Rev. John Smith, Prudential Committee; John True, Esq., Rev. Dr. McFarland, Auditors.

Thus organized under their constitution, a charter of incorporation was obtained from the Legislature of the State, in June, 1815. The Act set forth, that "Whereas the widows and children of deceased clergymen are often left without the pecuniary means of a comfortable maintenance, and the discontinuance of their support, in consequence of the death of their husbands and fathers, not unfrequently subjects them to a very painful and discouraging situation; and whereas the establishment of a fund for the express purpose of alleviating the wants of the said description of persons would be an object worthy of the spirit of public munificence which the Divine Benefactor of mankind has so extensively awakened in the present age:

"Therefore, *Be it enacted, &c.*, That William Morrison, &c. (naming the twelve trustees), their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic

*Children not to be reckoned as proper objects, after the age of twenty-one years.

and corporate by the name of 'The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund,'" &c. The charter allows the trustees "to hold real and personal estate to the amount of *four thousand dollars*, which said estate shall be holden by said corporation free from taxation for ever."

II. The next important step for the Board was to devise and execute methods for the procuring of funds for their object. The following methods were proposed and adopted:

1. That annual public contributions be taken for the object after the Convention Sermon, and after the sermon before the General Association.

2. That each Congregational and Presbyterian minister in this State should consider himself obligated to pay at least one dollar annually for this object; and, as he may have opportunity, to solicit donations and transmit them to the treasurer.

3. That the ministers in our connection throughout the State be requested to take up one contribution, annually, or that one subscription be opened in each of their societies for this fund.

To dispose of the funds which should be raised, the Board *Voted*,* That the moneys raised by contributions or subscriptions in the several churches and societies, together with all donations, unless the donors expressly direct otherwise, should be considered a *permanent fund*, and one per cent of the interest shall be annually added to the principal. The remaining interest, the annuities of ministers, and the contributions at the meetings of the Convention and General Association, may be annually expended.

Acting on these well considered and judicious methods of securing funds, the Trustees have at different times, by special appeals and applications, brought the subject of this charity before the churches, and in some cases have met with a generous response. Slowly, but surely, has the fund grown from its imperceptible beginning, to at least more than half the sum which the charter allows.

The first entry in the book of the Treasurer, Dr. Thomas Sargeant, June 2, 1814, is for "cash received of the Trustees at Concord, *$24.20*." How that sum was raised is not stated, but it formed the *nucleus* around which the Permanent Fund has accumulated. To that, the next year, were added $22.66, raised in Exeter by Rev. Mr. Rowland; $50 from Portsmouth, by Rev. Nathan Parker, and $15.70 from Rev. Jonathan French, of North-Hampton. In 1821, $50 from Dartmouth College, by Rev. Roswell Shurtleff. The following statement must suffice to show the steady growth of the Fund:

From 1813 to 1817, Dr. Thomas Sargeant, Treasurer, it increased to $344.78.

*June 8, 1815.

From 1817 to 1825, John True, Esq., Treasurer, to $515.

From 1825 to 1841, Stephen Ambrose, Esq., Treasurer, to about $1000.

From 1842 to 1861, Francis N. Fisk, Esq., Treasurer, to $1800.

From 1862 to 1865, Shadrach Seavey, Esq., Treasurer, to $2500.

The whole sum in the hands of the Treasurer, June 7, 1865, was $2,547.43, which was invested as follows:

Eleven shares in stock of Northern R. R., cost,	$1,090.00
Bond of the State of New-Hampshire,	500.00
Bond of the City of Concord,	500.00
Deposited in the Savings Bank, Concord,	457.15
In hand,	.28
	$2,547.43

For this increase of the Permanent Fund the Trustees would make grateful mention of the prudential care and good management of the several treasurers, whose services have all been performed without a cent of charge to the Fund, and without loss. Credit is due also to particular Associations, that have favored the Trustees by forwarding the annuity from their several members, with great regularity. The Piscataqua Association deserves especial commendation. A considerable number of ministers in different parts of the State have regularly paid their annuity: and *one* could be mentioned, whose name stands on the Treasurer's book, credited annually one dollar for twenty-nine consecutive years.

Providence also has given this charity a place in the hearts and prayers of christian women, who have made liberal efforts and offerings in its behalf. The late Mrs. Margaret Dean, of Exeter, a widow, full of faith and good works, collected in Exeter and vicinity, in fourteen years, and paid the sum of five hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents, or an average of thirty-seven dollars a year. In a letter to the President of the Trustees, Jan. 12, 1842, inclosing $40, Mrs. Dean wrote thus: "Plead for the widows. In obedience to this command I have made another effort to obtain something for the comfort of this respected and esteemed class in our community. I am happy to say that among the few thousand dollars that it has been my privilege to collect for various pious and charitable objects, I can recollect none that was ever contributed more readily and cheerfully than this." Since the death of Mrs. Dean, the widow of the late Rev. Isaac Hurd, D. D., has annually forwarded a contribution from the ladies of Exeter and vicinity to this object. In March, 1835, a legacy of $90.25 was received from Mrs. Mary Clark, of Portsmouth. In December, 1841, a legacy of $50 from Mrs.

Judith C. Upham, of Rochester. In 1850, a donation was received, by the hand of Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, of $50, from Mrs. Rebecca Jewett, then of Waltham, Ms., and in 1854, another $50, from the same source. We gratefully record, also, that the last year, 1864, a donation of $500 was received from a lady in Concord, whose name we are not allowed to publish, but whose works do praise her. $88.60 were received from the Whitefield Monument Fund, proposed at Exeter, the original object of which failed. We gratefully record, also, that Col. Rufus G. Lewis, of New-Hampton, made a donation in 1855 of one hundred dollars to the Fund.

III. In disbursing this charity the Trustees have endeavored to act with impartiality—having regard, however, to the relative wants of the beneficiaries, so far as known to them. No application, properly made and vouched for, has ever been rejected. The amount of appropriations each year has been determined by the sum in the treasury. Regarding themselves only as almoners of this charity to proper objects, in no instance has an appropriation been made without the means in hand of payment, and not a cent of debt has ever been contracted. The annual appropriation to each one has been an average of about $20; the least sum, any year, twelve dollars, and the highest, twenty-five. Thus, in all, thirty-two widows of clergymen have been aided, and the orphan children of two. The whole sum donated in fifty years is six thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars. Some of the early beneficiaries required assistance till the close of life. Mrs. Flint, with her four children, whose necessities first suggested the idea of providing this relief, and who was also one of the first to receive its benefits, in 1816, continued on the list of beneficiaries twenty-six years, and received in all five hundred and thirteen dollars. Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, widow of Rev. Enoch Pillsbury, of Litchfield, who was left with an invalid child, in "very indigent and distressed circumstances," received aid from 1818 to 1861 inclusive—44 years—to the amount of $972. The widow of Rev. Joseph Kidder, of Dunstable, 17 years, $338. The widow of Rev. Dr. Thayer, of Kingston, 19 years, $363. On receiving this annual gift Mrs. Thayer was usually so overcome with grateful emotions, and the tender memories of the past, that, as related by one of her daughters, she had first "a season of prayer alone, and then a good cry!" The widow Betsey Hull, of Seabrook, was aided 34 years, to the amount of $720. The last appropriation went in part to defray the expenses of her sickness and funeral, and six dollars toward the purchase of a stone "to mark the place of her rest." The widow of Moses Dow, of Plaistow, received aid 15 years, to the amount of $375. Others, however, needed but slight assistance before they went to that blessed world

where "there is no want, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain." Some of the applications for aid have been expressed in the most humble, submissive, delicate, and, to the Trustees, affecting terms. One who is now on the list of beneficiaries, in answer to a letter of inquiry sent her by the President of the Board, says, "During the whole of my husband's ministry he labored as a home missionary, and in parishes where he received a very limited recompense, caring less, however, for the *fleece* than for the *flock*. Thus, at his death, he could bequeath to his wife only his four children, with their wealth of affectionate hearts, and to his children, who, by his death, were *doubly* orphaned (I was a second mother), the rich legacy of a spotless life. * * * * With a little fund of $20 annually, left me many years since by my father, and a diligent use of my *needle*, or rather I should say with the blessings of heaven on these means, I succeeded in keeping the 'wolf from the doors.' 'T is true, I had to adopt a system of retrenchment, self-denial, and rigid economy; to set aside luxuries as a thing not to be thought of; to dispense with what *most* would deem only conveniences, and to put up with the bare necessities of life.

"Two or three weeks since, just before the receipt of your letter, I was ruminating upon ways and means of providing for the future, when, for the *first* time in a life of more than three-score years, I found *discontent* with divine arrangements was coiling, serpent-like, around my heart. It was in vain that reason suggested the sentiment of my childhood's hymn,

'The Lord is *good*, and *kind*, and *true*.'

It did not hush the rebellious feeling. I knelt before my Father, and lifted my heart in fervent supplication: for what? For my bread to be given and my water to be made sure? O no—but that I might be kept from a thousand-fold greater evil; a murmuring, discontented spirit. Faith triumphed—the tempter fled, I arose re-assured, willing, cheerfully willing, to receive evil, if need be, from the hand of my heavenly Father. My habitual faith and trust returned, and though my path is hedged in and hidden from view, I still trust in a covenant keeping God, assured that he will care for the 'righteous and their seed.'

"In conclusion, sir, I have one request to make: viz., that the 'Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund' will be assiduous in their efforts to seek out the *needy;* among whom are some with natures too sensitive to protrude their claims, but who would, from this very fact, the more highly appreciate your aid, demonstrating, as it does, your sympathy in their behalf."

IV. Of the original Trustees, I have already spoken. They are all dead, and all were men of mark—of piety and useful-

ness—in their day. It should be noted that the first on the list of those revered names was the Rev. ABIJAH WINES, then the able and devoted pastor of the church in Newport. It will be gratifying to this Association, as it will serve to awaken grateful memories, and, I trust, strengthen our confidence in the management of this charity, to rehearse the names of those who have since been placed in the Board of Trust, many of whom have closed their labors and gone to their reward.

Names of Trustees, and when elected.

Rev. John H. Church,* *Pelham*, 1819.
Rev. Jonathan Curtis,* *Epsom*, 1819.
Rev. Josiah Carpenter,* *Chichester*, 1822.
Samuel Fletcher, Esq.,* *Concord*, 1822.
Stephen Ambrose, Esq.,* *Concord*, 1825.
Rev. Abraham Burnham,* *Pembroke*, 1825.
Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, *Concord*, 1825.
Rev. John M. Putnam,† *Dunbarton*, 1832.
Rev. John Woods,* *Newport*, 1837.
Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, *Concord*, 1838.
Rev. Edwin Holt,* *Portsmouth*, 1839.
Rev. John M. Whiton,* *Antrim*, 1841.
Francis N. Fisk, Esq., *Concord*, 1842.
Hon. Samuel Morril,* *Concord*, 1843.
Abner B. Kelly, Esq., *Warner*, 1843.
Rev. Asa P. Tenney,* *West Concord*, 1845.
Rev. Henry E. Parker, *Concord*, 1853.
Dea. James Moulton,* *Concord*, 1853.
Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett,† *Manchester*, 1854.
Rev. Lewis Goodrich, *Pembroke*, 1857.
Rev. Lyman Whiting,† *Portsmouth*, 1857.
Rev. Josiah G. Davis,† *Amherst*, 1857.
Rev. Ambrose Smith,* *Boscawen*, 1859.
Mr. Asa McFarland, *Concord*, 1859.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., *Concord*, 1861.
Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson,† *East Concord*, 1862.
Joseph B. Walker, Esq., *Concord*, 1862.
Rev. Pliny B. Day, *Hollis*, 1863.

It should be stated that all the services of the Trustees, from the beginning, have been performed gratuitously. I do not find a single charge in the Treasurer's book for any service, except two dollars paid Rev. E. P. Bradford, for obtaining incorporation of the Board. Through the President, a correspondence is maintained with the beneficiaries of the

* Deceased. † Resigned.

Fund, and their residence, temporal condition and prospects are understood.* The annual appropriations are regularly forwarded, and receipts returned to the Treasurer as vouchers. Only in one case in fifty years has an appropriation failed to reach its destination. The only practical difficulty in the functions of the Board is found in securing a quorum for the transaction of business. So great has this difficulty been since the suspension of the Pastoral Convention, in June, 1860, that it has been deemed expedient to fill vacancies in the Board by persons resident in the vicinity of Concord, rather than dispersed in remote parts of the State.

In conclusion, the history of this Fund is suggestive of many grave reflections. The fact glares upon us, as stated in the preamble of Incorporation, "that the widows and children of deceased clergymen are often left without the pecuniary means of comfortable subsistence, and this subjects them to a very painful and discouraging situation." How is the fact to be explained? To want of prudence, economy, good management, self-denial even, on the part of ministers? or to the want of a due appreciation of a minister's services? to parsimony, at least a just compensation of their services on the part of the people? Is it not the law of Christ that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel? Can it then be right to subject ministers and their families to this "painful situation"? To compel them either to relinquish their work in order to furnish bread for their household by other means; or to labor on such scanty pittance as must not only cripple their energies in life, but embitter their sorrows in death? What right has a people thus to stint the servants of Christ? What right to subject their widows to fears of "a wolf at the door," or their children to the orphanage of poverty and depression? If religion consists practically "in doing justly and loving mercy," as well as "walking humbly with God," we fear that many churches and societies will have a solemn account to render for the want both of justice and mercy in dealing with their ministers.

Again, the history also suggests, and urges the importance of doing much more than has yet been done to increase this Fund, and extend its benefits, in greater degree, to its present beneficiaries, and to those who are liable to become so. We would remind our brethren in the ministry, that all have an interest in this matter. Probably not one of all the ministers in the State, out of his salary alone, can lay up a competency for his family after his decease. Not those alone who labor in feeble churches, or as missionaries, are liable to leave families

* A list of the beneficiaries may be found on file with the Secretary—Rev. William R. Jewett.

in want; not the less talented and eminent in their profession; not the less devout and godly; but equally those who occupy higher positions are liable to the same issue. Look over the list of widows aided by this Fund, and you find one—the widow of perhaps the most gifted of all the ministers in the State, when this Association was organized; another, of one who has filled successfully honored stations in benevolent societies and as a professor in literature and theology; a third, whose learning and position entitled him to a prime rank in the respect of his brethren; and a fourth, whom we all delighted to honor, not only as the founder of this charity, but the patron of every good cause.

If the inquiry be raised, how can we increase this charitable fund? the answer may be sufficiently explicit to say, 1. By each paying his annuity of one dollar a year into its treasury. 2. By taking up *one* collection a year from the church to which he ministers. 3. By presenting the object for the patronage of those who, by donations, or legacy, might add to it.

Finally, the Trustees of this Charitable Fund, holding themselves morally responsible to this General Association, who established it, for the faithful discharge of their duty, most earnestly solicit both an interest in your prayers and your continued coöperation and encouragement. The question which has been raised, whether there should not also be a fund to assist indigent, sick, or superannuated ministers, and whether such a fund might not be placed under the same Board of Trust, subject to the supervision of the General Association—is one which I am authorized to say this Board will readily entertain, whenever a plan shall be matured and presented for official action. It is a question in which, as ministers, we have a common interest, and may be settled on principles just and beneficial to all.

In behalf of the Trustees,

N. BOUTON,

President of the Board.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

WM. R. JEWETT in account with

General Association of New-Hampshire.

			DR.	
1867.	Sept.	Balance in the Treasury,	$123.51	
1868.	May 12.	Grafton Conference for 1868,	30.00	
	June 25.	Rockingham Conference for 1868,	45.00	
	Aug. 8.	Sullivan Conference for 1868,	17.50	
	Aug. 11.	Hillsborough Conference for 1868,	55.00	
	Aug. 18.	Strafford Conference for 1868,	32.00	
	Aug. 19.	Merrimack Conference for 1868,	38.00	
	Aug. 25.	Cheshire Conference for 1868,	30.00	
				$371.01

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1867.	Dec. 23.	B. P. Stone for postage,	$1.42	
1868.	Jan. 16.	A. G. Jones' bill for printing,	137.50	
		Stamp for Minutes,	17.00	
		Wrapping and mailing Minutes,	3.00	
		Express charges through the year,	2.75	
		Postage and Stationery,	5.00	
			$166.67	
		Balance in the Treasury,	204.34	
				$371.01

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 26, 1868.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Schrs.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	A. D. 1777	A. C. Field,	A. D. 1866	1866	10	29	39	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	$26.10
Alstead New (2d),	1788	S. H. Amsden,	1856	1867	29	47	76	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	63	46.25
Alstead (3d),	1842	F. B. Knowlton,	1865	S. S. 1867	4	20	24	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	57	
Chesterfield,	1777	None.			5	20	25	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	9.70
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Fosdick,	1864	S. S. 1866	9	13	22	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	54.14
Fitzwilliam,	1771	John F. Norton,	1844	S. S. 1868	39	104	143	18	1	0	1	2	5	0	7	0	1	210	225.00
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	1839	S. S. 1866	13	30	43	5	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	90	120.00
Harrisville,	1840	C. M. Palmer,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1867	8	15	23	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	163	30.67
Hinsdale,	1821	J. S. Batchelder,	1858	1866	42	91	133	6	4	1	5	3	5	0	8	2	1	125	319.00
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	1842	1867	34	73	107	26	9	4	13	5	2	0	7	4	1	125	179.61
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C. W. Allen,	1833	S. S. 1863	18	48	66	15	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	105	80.00
Keene, 1st church,	1838	Z. S. Barstow DD / Past'r Emeritus / W. S. Karr,	July 1, 1818	July 1, 1818 / July 9, 1868	32	156	188	16	3	9	12	10	134	1	145	1	2	400	416.36
Keene, 2d church,*	1867	J. A. Leach,	1864	S. S. 1867	55	110	165	5	29	16	45	3	0	0	3	18	2	304	503.00
Marlborough,	1788	Giles Lyman,	1832	S. S. 1840	34	74	108	28	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	186	147.44
Nelson,	1781	Joseph Marsh,	1828	S. S. 1867	38	49	87	18	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	60	68.85
Rindge,	1765	None.			50	135	185	21	0	0	0	3	9	0	12	0	0	225	400.00
Roxbury,	1816	H. H. Colburn,		S. S.	2	9	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	1861	1861	16	58	74	12	8	3	11	1	3	0	4	8	1	164	161.80
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stow,	1855	S. S. 1863	34	56	90	12	4	4	8	2	1	0	3	3	1	121	175.00
Surry,	1837	None.			1	12	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
Swanzey,	1741	Tho's E. Roberts,	1861	S. S. 1864	18	45	63	9	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	10.00
Troy,	1815	None.			19	25	44	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	146.82
Walpole,	1761	None.			18	71	89	16	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	75	185.00
Westmoreland,	1764	None.			18	49	67	21	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	1	74	50.00
" Evang.,	1852	Wm. Claggett,	1830	S. S.	5	23	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	7.00
Winchester,	1736	Elijah Harmon,	1867	1867	58	118	176	40	12	2	14	5	2	0	7	9	1	225	124.48
26 Churches,					609	1480	2089	345	79	51	130	44	177	1	222	50	15	3275	$3,598.23

* For eight months only.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson. Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1863. Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1831. A. W. Burnham, D. D., Rindge, ordained 1821. The house of worship in New Alstead has been repaired and rededicated, and the Second Church in Keene are building a new one. Cheshire Conference meets on the second Wednesday in June. J. M. Stow, Sullivan, Clerk. Geo. Kingsbury, Keene, Treasurer.

2. COOS CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1799	Vacant.			6	6	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		none.
Colebrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	S. S.	97	35	52	10	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	5	70	150
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Henry Farrer,	Nov. 6, 1867	S. S.	7	22	29	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	39	
Franconia,	April, 1844	Vacant.			5	9	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	none.
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1762	G. U. Tewksbury,		S. S.	3	23	26	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	42	35
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov. 1860	Sept. 27, 1865	38	89	127	18	5	4	9	2	2	0	4	4	1	150	169
Littleton,	Mar. 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	99	133	25	3	1	4	1	5	0	6	3	0	160	458
Shelburne,	Aug. 26, 1818	Vacant.			0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			9	22	39	13	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0
9 Churches.		2 Pastors, 3 Stated Supplies, 4 Vacant.			119	308	427	83	15	7	22	6	10	0	16	11	6	579	804

These Churches are associated with the Congregational Churches of Essex County, Vt. The next annual of Conference will be held at Guildhall, Vt., the first Tuesday in June, 1869. H. V. Emmons, *Scribe.*

The Churches in Gorham and Shelburne are connected with a Conference in Maine.

Several of the vacant Churches have had, for a short season, the labors of Theological Students.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Scribe.*

☞ Omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

* Records of these Churches revised, and reports of former years found to be too large; or members having been absent five years or more are no longer counted.

† $400 of this sum belongs to the previous year.

‡ Beside $2,180 raised for repairs.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua, ordained —— 15, 1821; Rev. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Rev. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1802; Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Rev. Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Rev. Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; Rev. George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Rev. Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; Rev. H. G. Park, Hancock; Rev. E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842.

LICENTIATES. Addison Heald, Hudson, March 27, 1840, Warren Cochran, New-Boston; J. W. Churchill, Nashua.

T. P. SAWIN, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	1844	Aug. 13, 1867	18	85	103	18	1	0	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	133	none.
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant			1	6	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	none.
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1823	Silas Ketchum,	Sept. 17, 1867	S. S. 1866	17	52	69	8	0	5	5	4	0	0	4	0	0	75	249.33
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	30	71	101	17	2	1	3	4	2	0	6	1	3	173	304.53
Canaan,	1803	J. H. O'Brien,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1868	4	17	21	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	15.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept 21, 1836	S. S. 1866	30	37	67	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	75	59.80
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			4	11	15	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	none.
Enfield,	1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	1865	S. S. 1866	6	31	37	0	4	2	6	2	1	0	3	3	0	40	22.00
Groton,	1803	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. h.t. 1845	10	14	24	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	12.00
Hanover, Dart. Coll.,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	104	141	245	115	5	5	10	5	10	0	15	0	1	125	600.00
Center,	May 10, 1810	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	S. S. 1861	24	56	80	22	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	85	58.32
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	Vacant.			52	128	180	36	5	0	5	4	7	0	11	3	4	100	229.78
Hebron,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S.S. h.t. 1845	9	26	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	18.00
Hill,	1815	Vacant.			7	12	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	none.
Lebanon,	Sept. 29, 1768	Cha's A. Downs,	May. 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	40	105	145	10	0	4	4	2	3	0	5	0	4	130	325.00
West,	1849	J. H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	49	87	136	21	1	2	3	1	10	0	11	0	4	250	484.13
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Vacant.			98	190	288	77	14	1	15	8	7	0	15	9	2	175	446.00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Horace Pratt,	S. S. 1865	S. S. 1865	16	27	43	9	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	60	40.00
Orford, West,	1822	E. A. Lawrence, D. D.	1839	S. S. 1866	19	51	70	2	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	80	123.34
Piermont,	1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	34	72	106	36	1	1	2	3	3	0	6	1	2	85	90.00
Plymouth,	1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	30	91	121	29	5	1	6	4	7	1	12	2	2	160	443.56
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			3	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	none.
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Ja's C. Seagrave,	Dec. 3, 1851	S. S. 1865	13	52	65	14	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0	110	111.15
23 Churches.					618	1370	1993	435	43	31	74	47	67	1	115	22	25	2164	3631.54

Pastors, 7. Stated supplies, 9. Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838. C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 4, 1835. Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1814. Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837. William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July 1848. Henry E. Parker, Hanover, ordained March 13, 1849. John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 28, 1835. Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836. William A. Packard, Hanover, licentiate, 1857.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary*.

4. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844‖	May 22, 1844	67	157	224	20	2	6	8	6	3	0	9	2	1	226	1808.45
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	Warren Cochran,		S. S.	50	75	125	25	1	1	2	4	1	33*	38	0	2	130	50.00
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Arthur Little,	May 19, 1863	Jan. 3, 1866	69	131	200	29	5	0	5	7	4	0	11	3	1	320	377.62
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Vacant.			17	35	52	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	56.25
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	J. H. Manning,	Mar. 6, 1867	Mar. 6, 1867	23	38	61	16	2	0	2	3	5	0	8	1	0	106	74.57
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1759	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S. 1863	8	29	37	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	26.25
Francestown,	1773	A. Richards, D. D.	Nov. 7, 1827	S. S. 1866	94	183	277	53	4	2	6	4	2	0	6	2	8	450	726.75
Goffstown,	1801	Vacant.			43	117	160	35	7	2	9	4	4	0	8	5	2	210	177.91
Greenfield,	May 25, 1867	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. 1868	31	66	97	6	1	11	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	25.00
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1768	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	54	97	151	25	1	4	5	5	3	0	8	0	1	300	284.39
Hillsborough Bridge,	May 29, 1839	S. S. Morrill,	Mar. 12, 1857	S. S.	20	53	73	10	7	2	9	0	0	0	0	1	3	100	46.09
Hillsborough Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S.	16	23	39	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	15.00
Hollis,	1742	P. B. Day, D. D.	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	88	146	234	20	10	2	12	3	4	0	7	9	1	325	1449.00
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	S. M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853	S. S. 1867	17	42	59	12	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	50.45
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1844	Vacant.			2	9	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	9.93
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. P. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	40	59	99	17	3	1	4	6	2	2	10	1	1	169	98.97
Manchester, 1st,	May 28, 1828	C. W. Wallace, DD.	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	138	343	481	80	1	21	22	6	7	0	13	1	9	615	2023.92†
do Franklin St.,	June 27, 1844	Wm. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, 1867	Jan. 24, 1867	63	188	251	37	6	18	24	4	4	64*	72	3	1	413	1419.22
do Chris. Miss.,	Dec. 13, 1852	T. P. Sawin,	Apr. 19, 1843	S. S. 1866	5	19	24	24	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	3	200	
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	Apr. 18, 1860	39	58	97	24	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	1	115	57.58
Mason Village,	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 7, 1865	Mar. 7, 1865	38	72	110	12	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	3	112	152.20
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5, 1771	Vacant.			51	103	154	34	0	1	1	3	1	1	5	0	3	170	261.70
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			9	24	33	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	18.00
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	Vacant.			69	172	241	70	18	12	30	4	5	44*	58	10	1	320	735.84
Mont-Vernon,	1780	S. H. Keeler, D. D.	Oct. 1829	S. S.	46	112	158	38	7	5	12	4	1	0	5	4	5	180	64.00
Nashua, 1st,	1685	E. C. Hooker,	Dec. 11, 1860	Sept. 14, 1865	80	364	444	68	2	6	8	4	5	0	9	1	6	444	1905.05
Nashua, Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834	Hiram Mead,	Sept. 29, 1858	Dec. 7, 1867	66	176	242	57	2	5	7	2	4	0	6	2	0	250	286.40
Nashua, Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14, 1860	Dec. 31, 1867	60	157	217	41	0	1	1	2	10	0	12	0	0	300	471.70‡
New-Boston, Pres.,	1768	D. C. Frink,	1862	Dec. 12, 1866	46	110	156	46	3	4	7	4	3	2	9	1	0	233	307.11
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1759	Prescott Fay,	1856	Jan. 1, 1868	73	131	204	48	8	8	16	7	6	0	13	4	1	150	400.00
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	23	48	71	5	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	150	406.00
Peterborough,	April 21, 1858	Geo. Dustin,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	45	97	142	19	5	7	12	5	3	0	8	3	0	200	186.32
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Isaiah P. Smith,	Oct. 19, 1864	S. S. 1867	46	84	130	34	4	0	4	5	4	8*	17	18	0	185	276.34
Wilton, East,	May 16, 1825	Daniel E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	37	77	114	6	6	4	10	4	2	0	6	4	0	220	300.81
30 Cong., 4 Pres.,		18 Pastors.	10 S. S.	6 Vacant.	1573	3595	5168	948	111	129	240	102	101	159	362	78	53	6976	14148.82

(See under Coos Conference, two pages back, for Remarks.)

5. MERRIMACK COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			2	11	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		none.
Boscawen,	Sept. 8, 1840	M. L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	53	87	140	39	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	1	2	100	223.49
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			16	28	44	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0		none.
Canterbury,	1760	H. Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S. Mar. 1865	24	59	83	16	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	2	1	125	44.61
Chichester,	1731	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S. S. Oct. 23, '64	32	44	76	26	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	100	55.50
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	S. Norton,	Feb. 22, 1859	S. S. Nov. 1, '67	29	59	88	18	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	2	65	50.00
" First,	Nov. 18, 1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept. 12, 1867	64	168	232	31	5	6	11	4	1	0	5	2	2	200	514.87
" South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			101	197	298	69	2	9	11	4	5	0	9	0	0	384	736.12
" West,	April 22, 1833	Vacant.			58	131	189	52	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	164	114.23
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov. 21, 1866	38	68	106	21	7	1	8	6	2	0	8	6	2	175	275.00
Epsom,	1761	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	S. S. Nov. 1, '65	31	46	77	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	80	70.00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	41	70	111	10	3	5	8	0	4	0	4	2	2	226	244.50
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	45	94	139	41	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	150	700.00
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	35	104	139	28	2	4	6	5	2	6	13	1	3	218	551.03
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,		1857 S. S. 1865	12	28	40	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	56.89
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	J. K. Young,	Sept. 24, 1829	S. S. Oct. 7, '67	47	140	187	33	0	0	0	8	3	0	11	0	0	140	130.50
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1863	W. S. Thompson,	Oct. 17, 1860	S. S. Sept. 29'67	14	39	53	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	110	none.
Northfield, Sanb. Br.,	July 18, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	42	119	161	50	6	2	8	5	5	0	10	6	6	150	231.39
Pembroke,	March 1, 1737	Benj. Merrill,	June 7, 1864	S. S. Nov. 25, 66	38	90	128	27	12	6	18	3	0	0	3	8	0	175	130.01
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	L. Z. Ferris,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	46	81	127	30	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	180	212.49
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1778	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	S. S.	30	58	88	15	8	0	8	3	0	0	3	5	1	65	none.
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	34	80	114	10	5	0	5	2	3	0	5	1	1	180	175.30
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	84	137	18	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	5	150	250.54
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracey,		1830 S. S.	19	27	46	16	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	32.00
24 Churches.					904	1912	2816	616	68	39	107	67	37	6	110	38	29	3247	4798.47

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 28, 1825. Provincial Historian of New-Hampshire. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833. Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831, Treasurer N. H. Missionary Society and N. H. Bible Society. Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 8, 1827. Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826, Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th. Sch'ls	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S.S.June 5,'45	24	66	90	16	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	100	63.56
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1845	23	45	68	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	106	132.00
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	Nathan'l Lassell,		1835	S. S. 1866	17	50	67	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	66
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846	S. S. 1866	74	121	195	38	1	1	2	9	1	0	10	1	0	212	300.50
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	77	125	202	44	3	4	7	7	4	0	11	2	3	140	278.61
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 20, 1866	28	55	83	7	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	112	157.24
Derry, 1st, Cong.Pres.	1719	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	52	141	193	34	4	2	6	2	6	0	8	2	2	270	300.00
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	92	122	17	0	7	7	5	7	0	12	0	0	75	350.30
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S.June 6,'57	13	39	52	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	114	129.26
Exeter, 1st,	1638, Re. 1638	J. O. Barrows,	June 9, 1864	Dec. 5, 1866	43	115	158	44	4	3	7	2	4	1	7	1	1	130	782.29
Exeter, 2d,	1813	J. W. Chickering,	Sept. 19, 1860	Sept. 6, 1865	33	90	123	40	7	1	8	2	2	0	4	2	3	176	1437.00
Greenland,	1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Same day.	14	42	56	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	223.77
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	Same day.	21	79	100	5	2	7	9	2	0	0	2	2	0	159	147.50
Hampton,	1638	John W. Dodge,	Dec. 6, 1860	Oct. 19, 1865	65	131	196	24	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	135	310.78
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 4, 1833	June 30, 1864	9	36	45	7	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	95	86.71
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, 1858	1868	7	33	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	26.54
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	Wm. House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Same day.	64	133	197	18	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	1	3	216	328.23
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,		1825	S. S. 1846	9	37	46	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	219	
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S.S.June 1,'65	18	40	58	15	2	5	7	3	0	0	3	2	1	190	113.33
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	S.S.May 1,' 67	54	94	148	22	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	1	1	180	223.37
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	36	70	106	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	135	18.41
Nottingham,	1840	Vacant.			2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Plaistow,*	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows,	June, 1836	S. S. 1859	21	60	81	14	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	85	183.00
Portsmouth,	1671	Geo. M. Adams,	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	85	255	340	76	2	4	6	6	9	0	15	2	5	203	1154.12
Raymond,	1791	E. C. Chapman,	Sept. 20, 1854	Dec. 6, 1866	61	98	159	22	19	4	23	0	2	0	2	12	2	150	126.03
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1736	Giles Leach,	Feb. 6, 1833	S.S.June 1,'68	18	54	72	23	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	38.00
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,		1850	S. S. 1863	18	62	80	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	9.00
Seabrook, Hamp. Falls	1836	A. B. Peabody,	May 24, 1860	S. S. 1867	12	23	35	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	95	65.70
South-Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	W. A. Rand, licen.	Was means of	gathering ch.	12	16	28	0	25	3	28	0	0	0	0	24	0	112	
South-Newmarket,	1730	Israel T. Otis,	July 10, 1825	S. S. 1868	10	22	32	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
Stratham,	1746	Vacant.			12	29	41	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	117	112.98
Windham, Pres.,	1742	Joseph Lanman,	June 2, 1868	Same day.	49	114	163	27	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	4	200	100.00
32 Churches.	29 Cong'l. 2 Pres.	1 Cong. & Pres.		Total	1011	2379	3381	569	81	55	136	66	51	1	118	57	36	4043	7188.23

Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained Oct. 6, 1847, is preaching at Newington.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. Thomas Jameson, Exeter, ordained July, 1825. Rev. George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840. Rev. Joseph Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847. Rev. Charles Dame, Exeter. Rev. Loren Thayer, Presbyterian, Windham, ordained Nov. 5, 1855.

The new church at South Seabrook has been gathered through the labors of Mr. Wm. A. Rand, an earnest young christian from Portsmouth, in a neighborhood from which very few had been accustomed to attend meeting any where. The change in the place is very great. They have $2600 subscribed abroad for a meeting-house, the underpinning of which is in progress. The church in Portsmouth have paid a debt on their house of worship of $4000.

* Plaistow and North Haverhill.

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			6	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	6.75
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	J. L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	S. S.	12	34	46	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	12.75
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant.			12	25	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
" Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S.	14	26	40	0	8	2	10	3	0	0	3	1	0	80	17.57
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1839	J. H. Bliss,		S. S.	17	30	47	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	
Conway,	1728	Reuben Kimball,	1841	S. S.	25	65	90	18	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	2	110	293.65
Dover, 1st Church,	1638-9	A. S. Walker,	June 14, 1857	Nov. 16, 1864	65	228	293	43	4	8	12	11	6	0	17	2	2	200	991.08
" Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	C. C. Watson,	July 11, 1867	July 11, 1867	12	51	63	14	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	168	91.28
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	28	61	89	13	24	12	36	2	7	0	9	20	0	128	348.25
Effingham,	May 18, 1836	Vacant.			5	18	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	R. M. Sargent,	Apr. 27, 1852	Mar. 27, 1860	9	33	42	5	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	148	258.48
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	40	76	116	24	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	65	101.81
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Jeremiah Blake,	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S.	19	40	59	16	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	40	20.00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			6	7	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	H. M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	Feb. 12, 1868	46	120	166	50	1	13	14	2	6	1	9	1	2	78	81.28
Lee,	Dec. 3, 1867	Mason Moore,	Dec. 3, 1867	S. S.	1	14	15	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	0		
Meredith,	Feb. 30, 1815	Cha's Burnham,	Nov. 7, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	16	49	63	13	1	1	2	1	1	5	7	1	0	80	79.05
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,	Dec. 26, 1843	S. S.	16	46	62	0	17	4	21	1	1	0	2	15	0		5.00
Moultonborough,	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			5	12	17	14	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0		
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 27, 1806	Tho's M. Lord,	Aug. 1837	S. S.	17	36	53	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	14.00
Rochester,	1737	A. F. Marsh,	Oct. 13, 1867	Oct. 13, 1867	21	94	125	26	4	6	10	2	2	0	4	3	0	150	60.00
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Tho's S. Robie,	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S.	21	67	88	49	1	0	1	1	7	0	8	0	1	100	52.50
Sanbornton,	1772	M. T Runnells,	1856	June 11, 1868	42	88	130	15	1	4	5	2	4	0	6	0	0	120	236.27
Sandwich,	Dec. 8, 1824	Vacant.			6	20	26	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	17.00
" North,	June 27, 1832	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842	S. S.	16	20	36	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		37.15
Somersworth,	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841	Jan. 5, 1865	52	139	191	35	0	2	2	5	5	0	10	0	0	200	346.72
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Sam'l H. Riddel,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	34	79	113	19	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	165	162.33
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1765	Dan'l D. Tappan,	Nov. 19, 1826	S. S.	10	29	39	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	80.55
Wolfeborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	S. S.	25	50	75	17	5	3	8	2	0	0	2	4	0	90	130.45
" North,	1839	F. P. Smith,	1838	S. S.	4	13	17	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	5.00
31 Churches.		11 Pastors.	13 S. S.		605	1592	2197	442	72	69	141	50	63	6	119	57	9	2296	3481.12

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. John Wood, Wolfeborough. Almon Benson, Center-Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840. Nath'l Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 1, 1826. Ezra Haskell, Dover.

C. BURNHAM, *Statistical Scribe.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch's.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, 1860	June 13, '66	48	94	142	24	5		5	3	8		11			160	196.54
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, 1848	S. S.	4	23	27			1	1	1	1		2			50	
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	70	184	254	68	2	13	15	5	14		19	2	7	273	517.43
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20, 1840	S. S.	20	37	57	9	4	3	7	1	3		4	3	1	75	
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	14	24	6					1		1			30	
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			10	15	25	2					2		2			25	3.00
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	S. S.	9	29	38	11	3	1	4		1		1			70	46.60
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	Benj. Howe,	Nov. 5, 1845	S. S.	25	29	54	21				2	4		6			35	23.00
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			7	12	19	5					1		1			50	
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, 1868	May 6, 1868	30	70	100	20	2		2	2	4		6			50	250.00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,		S. S.	67	124	191	55		5	5	9	13		22		3	180	404.56
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			6	24	30	7	5	6	11	2			2	2		30	50.50
Washington,	May 20, 1780	E. B. Bassett,	May 25, 1857	S. S.	4	22	26	7	4	1	5	1			1	3		40	52.00
13 Churches.					310	677	987	235	25	30	55	26	52		78	10	11	1068	1543.63

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820. B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865. Edward H. Greeley, Claremont, ordained Nov. 7, 1849. LICENTIATES. Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850. Abel Wood, Meriden, licensed July, 1848. Robert C. Bell, a student from Union Theological Seminary, has labored four months at Plainfield, as a missionary.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch's.	Charit. Coll.
	Vac.	Total.	Pastors.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	6	26	8	13	4	25		609	1480	2089	345	79	51	130	44	177	1	222	50	15	3275	3598.23
2. Coos,	4	9	2	3		5		119	308	427	83	15	7	22	6	10	0	16	11	6	579	804.00
3. Grafton,	6	23	7	9	10	26	2	618	1370	1988	435	43	31	74	47	67	1	115	22	25	2164	3631.54
4. Hillsborough,	6	34	18	6	10	34	3	1573	3595	5168	948	111	129	240	102	101	159	362	78	53	6976	14188.82
5. Merrimack,	4	24	10	10	6	26		904	1912	2816	616	68	39	107	67	37	6	110	38	29	3247	4775.42
6. Rockingham,	2	32	15	15	5	35		1011	2370	3381	569	81	55	136	66	51	1	118	57	36	4043	7188.23
7. Strafford,	7	39	11	13	4	28		605	1592	2197	442	72	69	141	50	63	6	119	57	9	2298	3481.12
8. Sullivan,	4	13	3	6	3	12	2	310	677	987	235	25	30	55	26	52	0	78	10	11	1068	1543.63
Total,	38	192	74	75	42	191	7	5749	13304	19053	3673	494	411	905	408	558	174	1140	323	184	23650	35171.00

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Association.	Number of Members.	Scribes.	Times of Meeting.
Belknap,	10	Rev. C. Burnham, Meredith Village,	2d Tuesday before the Sabbath in Jan., 2d Tuesday of May and Oct.
Derry and Manchester,	22	Rev. L. Armsby, Candia,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Harmony,	6	Rev. T. V. Haines, Ossipee Center,	3d Tuesday of Jan., 2d Tuesday of May, 2d Tuesday of July and Oct.
Hollis,	19	Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua,	1st Tuesday of February, May, August and November.
Hopkinton,	15	Rev. M. L. Severence, Boscawen,	3d Tuesday of January, May, August and October.
Orange,	12	Rev. F. V. Benton, Newbury, Vt.,	Quarterly, omitting the one in August.
Monadnock,	24	Rev. Samuel L. Gerould, Stoddard,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October.
Piscataqua,	20	Rev. Geo. M. Adams, Portsmouth,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Sullivan,	9	Rev. C. A. Downs, Lebanon,	3d Tuesday of May August and November.
Suncook,	8	Rev. Wm. C. Carr, Barnstead,	3d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.
Union,	9	Rev. Charles Cutler, Francestown,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.
White River,	7	Rev. J. H. Edwards, Acting Scribe, West Lebanon,	2d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATION.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin,	Presby'n Assembly,	New-York,	Iowa.
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Meth. Conference,	Rhode-Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine. Missouri. Minnesota.
Harmony.	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode-Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention.
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode-Island, Iowa, Nebraska,	New-York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon,	Ohio. Indiana.
Hopkinton,	Rhode-Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota,	Mass. Association, Iowa, California,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	New-York. Illinois. Nebraska.
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada,		Vermont.
Monadnock,	New-York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Michigan, Presby'n Assembly, Meth. Conference,	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut. California. Canada.
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention,	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presb'n Assembly,	Rhode-Island.
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.,	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention,	Pres. Assembly. Kansas. Oregon.
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois,	New-York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Mass. Association.
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana,	Canada,	Meth. Conference.
Union,	Presb'n Assembly,	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin. F. W. B. Y. M.
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Association,	Michigan.

MINISTERIAL RECORD FROM JUNE 1, 1867, TO MAY 31, 1868.

ORDAINED.

July 2, Mr. C. C. Watson, as pastor of the Belknap Church, in Dover.

Sept. 17, Mr. Silas Ketchum, at Bristol, to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Oct. 17, Mr. Elijah Harmon as pastor of the church in Rochester.

Nov. 6, Mr. Henry Farrar, to the work of the ministry in Dalton.

Dec. 3, Mr. Mason Moore to the work of the ministry in Lee.

1868, May 6, Mr. Ephraim E. P. Abbott, as pastor of the church in Meriden.

INSTALLED.

1867, Aug. 3, Rev. Asa Mann, over the church in Bath.

Aug. 22, Rev. S. H. Amsden, as pastor of the church in New Alstead.

Sept. 12, Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, as pastor of the first church in Concord.

Dec. 17, Rev. Hiram Mead, as pastor of the Olive St. church in Nashua.

Dec. 31, Rev. William L. Gaylord, as pastor of the Pearl St. church in Nashua.

1868, Jan. 1, Rev. Prescott Fay, as pastor of the church in New-Ipswich.

Feb. 17, Rev. Harvey M. Stone, as pastor of the church in Laconia.

DISMISSED.

1867, June 18, Rev. Benj. F. Parsons, from the Pearl Street church, in Nashua.

June 19, Rev. John P. Humphrey, from the church in Winchester.

July 26, Rev. Frank P. Woodbury, from the church in Meriden.

Dec. 23, Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, from the church in Fitzwilliam.

Rev. B. M. Frink, from the church in Mont-Vernon.

Aug. 12, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., from the church in Lyme.

Aug. 13, Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, from the church in Milford.

Sept. 12, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., from the first church in Concord.

Oct. 15, Rev. Joseph A. Leach, from the church in Keene.

Nov. 14, Rev. Amos W. Burnham, D. D., from the church in Rindge.

Nov. 19, Rev. John D. Emerson, from the church in Haverhill.

1868, March 17, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, from the church in broke.

DIED.

1867, July 31, in Georgia, Vt., Rev. Nelson Barbour, aged 62 years. Mr. Barbour was at different times pastor of the churches in Sullivan, Langdon and Wolfeborough.

Nov. 8, Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, at Tamworth, aged 69 years. Mr. Kingsbury was formerly pastor of the church in Andover, and acting pastor of the church in Thornton.

1868, Feb. 10, Rev. John Wilde died at Alexandria, Va., aged 65 years. Mr. Wild was at one time pastor of the church in Conway.

May 11, Rev. Alvah Spaulding died at Wethersfield, Vt., aged 60 years. He was for 29 years pastor of the church in Cornish.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number reported is 192; four more than last year. Four new churches have been formed: namely,

1867, July 9, South Seabrook, 17 members; July 9, Barnstead Parade, 30 members; Oct. 15, Keene 2d church, 123 members; Dec. 3, Lee, 15 members.

The Pres. church at Manchester is not reported, and, as I have been informed, has been dissolved. Returns have been received from every church, though in the case of a few, they were secured by great pains. Of these churches 186 are Congregational, 6 are Presbyterian. 74 of these churches enjoy the labors of settled pastors, 75 that of stated supplies, and 38 are vacant. Some of these churches, which are reported as supplied, yet enjoy the labors of a minister only one half of the time. Two adjoining feeble churches, employing the same man. The proportion of pastors has of late years decreased, while that of stated supplies has increased; a movement in the wrong direction.

MEMBERS. Whole number reported 19053; Males 5749; Females 13304; which is 366 less than that of last year. Of these members, 18201 are connected with the 186 Congregational churches, and 852 with the 6 Presbyterian churches.

From the results which may be found in the summary, it appears that 494 were added to the churches by profession, and 411 by letter; a total of 905 during the year. In the same period, 408 were removed by death, 558 by dismission, and 174 by exclusion; a total of 1140, which leaves a diminution of 235.

The great number in the column of the excluded, results from the fact that the Franklin Street Church, Manchester, and one or two others, have revised their list of members, and dropped those who had been absent for a long time, without assigning a reason for not having called for a letter of dismission.

ABSENT MEMBERS. The number reported is 3673, which is 129 more than last year. This is wrong, and much to be regretted. Some churches are making good progress in the work of revising their catalogues, and reducing the number of absentees; but a great deal remains to be done. It appears, from the reports of the Conferences, that nearly one fifth of our membership are absentees; a proportion much greater than in some states, and fraught with evil. Sullivan Conference reports 987 members, of which 235 are absentees; nearly one fourth. I again commend this matter to the attention of the ministers and churches, and express the hope that a better report in regard to absentees may be presented the next year.

BAPTISM. 323 adults were baptized, which is 31 less than last year; 184 infants, which is 7 more than last year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The whole number reported in the Sabbath Schools, is 23650, which is 293 less than last year.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS. The whole amount reported is $35171, which is $12267 less than last year; a statement not creditable to our generosity.

The ordinations, installations, dismissions and deaths, are this year reported in a ministerial record. I would also have added the licenses of the District Associations, if they had been furnished. I think there must be more licentiates within our bounds, than have been reported by the Statistical Scribes of the Conferences.

CATALOGUE. This contains the names and post office address of all the Congregational and Presbyterian ministers residing in the state, of whom I could obtain accurate information. The Statistical Scribes differ a little in their practice; some report the names of all ministers residing in their limits, while others decline to furnish the names of those who have demitted the work of the ministry and have engaged in secular pursuits.

I hope our statistics are given this year with unusual care, yet no doubt there are some errors. The churches would greatly aid the Scribes of the Conferences, if they would take more pains to secure competent and accurate clerks, by whom their members and doings shall be carefully reported from year to year, and also secure suitable *Record Books*.

I will only add, that any suggestions which will be of use in future minutes, will be thankfully received by the Statistical Secretary.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New-Hampshire, with their Post Office address, and the number of the conference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, E. E. P., Meriden. 8.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams, George M., Portsmouth. 6.
Adams, John, Hillsboro' Center. 4.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Amsden, S. H., New Alstead. 1.
Arms, Josiah L., Barrington. 7.
Armsby, L., Candia. 6.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5.
Bard, George I., Dunbarton. 5.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7.
Barrows, Homer, Plastow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., Exeter. 6.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 1
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 8.
Bates, Philander, Cornish. 8.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Benson, Almon, Center-Harbor. 7.
Berry Augustus, Pelham. 4.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4.
Bixby, Solomon, Kingston. 6.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmant'n I. Works. 7.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 7.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 4.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Bradford, Samuel C., Francestown. 4.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5.
Burnham, A. W., D. D., Rindge. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1.
Catlin, R. B., Meriden. 8.
Chapman, Edward D., Raymond. 6.
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6.
Chickering, J. W., Exeter. 6.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro'. 4.
Claggett, William, Westmoreland. 1.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3.
Clark, Sumner, Wolfeboro'. 7.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4.
Cochran, W. R., Antrim. 4.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood. 6.
Colburn, H. H., Roxbury. 1.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 3.
Cook, Jonathan B., Salisbury. 5.
Curtis, Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., D. D., Hollis. 4.
Dodge, John W., Hampton. 6.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1.
Dustin, George, Peterboro'. 4.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrer, Henry, Dalton. 2.
Fay, Prescott, New-Ipswich. 4.
Ferris, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Nashua. 4.
Gerould, Moses, Langdon. 8.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haines, T. V., North-Hampton. 6.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfeboro'. 7.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7.
Hartshorn, V. G., Enfield. 3.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Hazen, H. A., Lyme. 3.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
Hooker, E. C., Nashua. 4.
Hooker, Edward W., D. D., Nashua. 4.
House, William, Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Howe, Benjamin, Lempster. 8.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter. 6.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Karr, William S., Keene. 1.
Keeler, Seth H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 4.
Kellogg, Erasmus M., Manchester. 4.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.

Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Knowlton, S. F., Alstead. 1.
Lanman, Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6.
Lasell, Nathaniel, Brentwood. 6.
Lawrence, E. A., D. D., Orford. 3.
Leach, Giles, Rye. 6.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 1.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 3.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3.
Lord, Thomas N., Ossipee Center. 7.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marsh, A. F., Rochester. 7.
Marsh, Joseph, Nelson. 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook. 2.
Mead, Hiram, Nashua. 4.
Merriam, George F., Mason Village. 4.
Merrill, Benjamin, Pembroke. 5.
Merrill, John L., Acworth. 3.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 2.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Moore, Mason, Lee. 7.
Morrill, S. S., Hillsboro' Bridge. 4.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Norton, Smith, East Concord. 5.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Milton Mills. 7.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 6.
Park, Harrison G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benj. F., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Peabody, Albert B., Seabrook. 6.
Pratt, Horace, Orfordville. 3.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6,
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Francestown. 4
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Rogers, George W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7.
Sargent, Roger M. Farmington. 7.
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 3.
Savage, William T., D. D., Franklin. 5.
Sawyer, Daniel, Merrimack, South. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 3.
Seagrave, James C. Wentworth. 3.
Severance, M. L., Boscawen. 5.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 3.
Smith, F. P., Wolfeboro,' North. 7.
Smith, George, Epsom. 5.
Smith, Isaiah P., Temple. 4.
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 3.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stone, Harvey M., Laconia. 7.
Stowe, John N., Sullivan. 1.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, George W., Stratham. 6.
Thompson, W. S., Loudon. 5.
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., Durham. 7.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5.
Tucker, William J., Manchester. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., D.D., Manchester. 4.
Watson, C. C., Dover. 7.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket, 6.
Willey, Charles, Greenfield. 4.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1.
Wood, John, Wolfeborough. 7.
Young, John K., D. D., Hopkinton. 5.

SIXTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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BUSINESS MEETING.

The Society held its sixty-seventh annual meeting for the transaction of business in the vestry of the North Church, Concord, Thursday, Aug. 27, at 9 o'clock A. M., when the following officers were chosen for the coming year:

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*
Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord, *Vice-President.*
Rev. WM. CLARK, Amherst, *Secretary.*
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
S. G. LANE, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees elected in 1868.

Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord.
Rev. ASA MANN, Bath.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held in the vestry of the North Church, Concord, Aug. 27, 1868, the following members of the Board were appointed the Executive Committee for the coming year:

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord.
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord.
GEORGE HUTCHINS, Esq., Concord.
Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
Rev. WM. CLARK, Amherst.
Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the Society was held in the North Church, Concord, on Thursday, Aug. 27, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., the Vice-President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Young, of Hopkinton.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which, having been audited, was accepted and adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, when Rev. J. H. Edwards, of West Lebanon, moved its adoption and publication under the direction of the Trustees, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hooker, of Nashua, who made an address. Addresses were also made by Rev. S. C. Bartlett, D. D., Chicago, and Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Secretary of the A. H. M. Society.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members and Patrons of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society:

We now celebrate the sixty-seventh anniversary of our venerable and divinely favored Institution. Small conception had its excellent founders, whose aim was little more than to send itinerating missionaries, rather pastors of churches, who should leave their flocks for short periods, to destitute settlements in this and other States—of what it would accomplish in little more than three-score years, for religion, morals, education, social improvement, enlightened patriotism. Organized in prayer, with a view to the glory of God and the salvation of souls, he has greatly blessed its endeavors. It has aided more than 120 churches, more than 40 of which have become self-sustaining, and are now among our strong ones. It has, also, in connection with the American Home Missionary Society, to which it is auxiliary, exerted an important influence in sustaining the institutions of the Gospel over our broad land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and will, we must believe, with the continued smiles of the Master, do much more than it has yet accomplished, for the evangelization of still destitute portions of our State and of our great country.

God has graciously preserved the lives of the officers of the Society during the year now reported; but we deeply regret to record the death, on the 19th inst., of Rev. JOHN H. MANNING, our missionary at Brookline; a man of superior mind, high intellectual culture, strong social attractions; a devoted, spiritual christian, an able, earnest preacher, a most faithful, affectionate pastor. To our limited view, his death so early in his ministry and in his pastorate, is a great loss to the church in Brookline, and to the cause of Christ at large. But God is wise. We would submissively bow to his providence in so early removing his devoted faithful servant from his work on earth to the higher employments of heaven.

Forty-five missionaries have been in commission the past year; twenty-five during the entire year, twenty from nine to one and one half months. Time of their united services was thirty-three and one half years. Toward their support were appropriated five thousand three hundred eighty-two dollars

and twenty-five cents ($5,382.25). Their labors were performed among forty-one churches, and two congregations in connection with which, no churches exist, namely, Newington and Milton Mills. One of the churches was organized the past year, that at South Seabrook, which is now erecting a church edifice. This has been effected by the divine blessing on the earnest, indefatigable labors of our missionary there, Mr. Wm. A. Rand, who has strong claims on our gratitude for his faithful, self-denying efforts for the temporal and spiritual welfare of that long neglected and heretofore ungodly community. Through his agency a new era has dawned upon them, an era of christian joy and hope.

Thirty-four missionaries report an average attendance on public worship of 2719.

Hopeful conversions in 19 churches, 38.

Thirty-two churches report 1229 members, of whom 320 are males.

Additions to 17 churches, 56; of whom 33 by profession, 23 by letter.

Removals from 22 churches, 67, of whom 26 by death; net loss in these churches, eleven.

Baptisms in 15 churches, 39, of which 13 were infant.

Scholars in 34 Sabbath Schools, 2,228.

Twenty-two churches contributed to Home Missions $514.37.

Twenty-five churches gave to other objects, $813.72. Total for all benevolent objects, $1,328.09.

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from all sources during the year,		$8,598.19
Of this sum, donations to the A. H. M. Society,	$456.41	
" " " legacies to the A. H. M. Society,	94.00	
		550.41
Leaving for the N. H. M. Society,		$8,047.78
Of this sum received from the Cent Institution, including $96.90 interest of the Memorial Fund,	$2,420.10	
In legacies,	1,579.00	
Income of the Permanent Fund,	163.99	
Premium on Bank stock,	277.12	
Permanent Fund paid in,	78.99	
Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Mr. Clark,	40 00	
Donated for a needy missionary in the West,	13.00	
		$4,572.55
Leaving balance from churches and individuals,		$3,475.23

Sent directly to the A. H. M. Society, without passing through the hands of our Treasurer:

In donations,	$492.06	
In legacies,	2,798.78	
		$3,290.84

Donation to the same from N. H. M. Society,		$500.00
Donation through our treasurer, to the A. H. M. S. from churches and individuals,	456.41	
Legacies through our treasury,	94.00	
		$550.41
making total donations and legacies, including $500 donated by the Trustees for the A. H. M. Society,	4,341.25	
and the total sum raised in the State for the cause of home missions, deducting $78.99 received from the permanent fund,		11,810.04

which is $258.18 less than was raised the preceding year.

The receipts of the N. H. M. Society for the year exceed those of last year by $1,161,82.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements of the year have been,	$7,576.12
The expenditures in New-Hampshire,	6,446.71
Balance in the Treasury on the 15th inst.,	$4,904.70

The statistics of the churches are given in a tabular view, in which are seen at once the names of churches aided, and of the missionaries, date of their commission, months of service performed, average attendance on public worship, hopeful conversions, membership of churches, additions, removals, baptisms, number of sabbath school scholars, contributions to home missions and to other benevolent objects.

Churches and Ministers.	Date of commission.	Months of commission.	Appropriations.	Mo's of labor perf'med.	Average congregations.	Hopeful conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab'th School Scholars.	Contributions.		
							Male.	Female.	Total.	By profession.	By letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other objects.	Total.
1 ALSTEAD, NEW, Rev. S. H. Amsden,.....	Jan. 1, 1868	12	$125 00	12	125		29	48	77				1			1	2		2	75	$26 00	$40 50	$66 50
2 ALSTEAD, Rev. F. B. Knowlton,....	Nov. 1, 1867	12	125 00	10	100		4	20	24					1		1				60		30 00	30 00
3 BENNINGTON, Rev. C. B. Tracy,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12	100 00	12																			
4 BETHLEHEM, Mr. C. M. Ferry,.....	May 15, 1868	2	30 00	2																			
5 BROOKLINE, Rev. J. H. Manning,.....	Jan. 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	87		23	37	60	2		2	3	5		8		1	1	100	36 37	38 20	74 57
6 CANAAN, Mr. J. H. O'Brien,.....	May 1, 1868	4	60 00	4	70		4	17	21	2	2	4								40	15 00	20 00	35 00
7 CHARLESTOWN, Rev. H. H. Sanderson,...	Oct. 13, 1867	12	200 00	12	70	1	4	24	28		1	1	1	1		2				50			
8 CENTER-HARBOR, Rev. Charles Willey,.....	April 1, 1867	12	150 00	12	75		17	30	47				1			1				60			
Mr. J. H. Bliss,.....	May 1, 1868	4		4																			
9 CONWAY, Rev. R. Kimball,.....	Feb. 1, 1868	12	125 00	12	113		25	65	90	1		1	4			4				110	83.15	220 70	303 85
10 CROYDON, Mr. H. M. Dexter,.....	March 25, 1868	1½	22 50	1½																			
11 DALTON, Rev. H. Farrar,.....	May 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	50		7	22	29	1		1		2		2				40			
12 DANBURY, Rev. J. LeBosquet,.....	May 1, 1868	12	150 00	12	100	3	30	35	65	1		1	1			1	4	1	5	75	14 03	24 70	38 73
13 DEERING, Rev. M. Holman,.....	July 1, 1867	12	187 50	12	75	1	8	29	37	1		1		1		1				60	26 65		26 65
14 DUBLIN, Rev. A. J. Fosdick,.....	May 1, 1868	12	125 00	12	53		9	13	22	1		1						1	1	50	9 63	44 32	53 94

15	ENFIELD. Rev. V. J. Hartshorn,....	May 20,	1868	12	$200 00	12	75	2	6	81	87	3	2	5	2	2		4		2	2	40	86 00	$13 25	$19 25
16	ENFIELD, CENTER. Mr. A. H. Parker,.....	May 1,	1868	4	80 00	4	75	1	8	4	7											51			
17	ENFIELD, EAST. Mr. A. H. Parker,.....	May 1,	1868	4	80 00	4	60			5	5											45			
18	EPPING. Rev. J. H. Stearns,.....	June 1,	1867	12	250 00	12	115		13	37	50	3	1	4					2	2	4	114	44 17	84 46	128 57
19	FRANCONIA. Mr. C. M. Ferry,.....	May 15,	1868	2	80 00	2	125															75			
20	GORHAM. Rev. F. W. Dickinson,...	Aug. 1,	1867	12	200 00	9	40		3	13	21	2	2	4	1	1		2	2	2	4	40	4 00	3 65	7 65
	Mr. G. W. Seller,.....	May 1,	1868	4		4																			
21	GROTON. Rev. Liba Conant,.....	March 1,	1868	12	75 00	12	80		11	13	24				2			2				60	3 00	12 60	15 60
22	HEBRON. Rev. Liba Conant,.....	March 1,	1868	12	75 00	12	120		9	25	34					1		1				90	7 00	11 00	18 00
23	KENSINGTON. Rev. E. D. Eldridge,.....	Jan. 1,	1868	12	187 00	12	105	4	9	36	45	1	1	2	2	1		3		1	1	95	20 00	66 81	86 81
24	KINGSTON. Rev. S. Bixby,.....	Feb, 1,	1868	12	100 00	7	100	2	6	33	39					1		1				90	15 00	31 00	46 00
25	LEMPSTER. Rev. Benj. Howe.....	June 1,	1867	12	150 00	12	60		21	27	48				2	4		6				35	10 00	18 60	28 60
26	MANCHESTER. (Mission Church.) Rev. T. P. Sawin,.....	June 1,	1867	12	300 00	12	100	1	5	19	24					10		10	3		3	200			
27	MEREDITH VILLAGE. Rev. Charles Burnham,..	Dec. 1,	1867	12	125 00	12	125		19	47	66	1	1	2			2	3		1	1	80	57 50	21 55	79 05
28	MILTON MILLS. Rev. C. F. Page,.....	Sept, 1,	1867	12	187 00	12	80																10 00	19 85	29 85
29	NEWINGTON. Rev. F. Davis,.....	Nov. 1,	1867	12	200 00	12	125															60	20 00	6 25	26 25
30	NEWMARKET, SOUTH. Rev. I. T. Otis,.....	June 1,	1868	12	125 00	8	42		4	17	21				1			1				40			
31	OSSIPEE CENTER. Rev. T. N. Lord,.....	Oct. 13,	1867	12	100 00	10	70		18	35	53											40		14 00	14 00
32	OSSIPEE CORNER. Rev. F. P. Smith,.....	Aug. 1,	1867	12	100 00	12	40															30			
33	PLAINFIELD. Mr. George H. French,..	March 25,	1868	1½	82 50	1½	36	5	7	27	34	5	7	12	2			2		3	3	30	16 75	23 75	40 50
	Mr. Robert C. Bell,.....	May 1,	1868	4		4																			
34	ROXBURY. Mr. Henry Colburn,.....	April 20,	1868	12	150 00	4	50	6	2	9	11											40		8 00	8 00
35	SANDWICH, NORTH, Rev. Otis Holmes,.....	Jan. 19,	1867	12	100 00	6	75	8	16	20	36	2		2						2	2	70	10 00	27 15	37 15

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							Male.	Female.	Total.	By profession.	By letter.	Total.	By death.	By dismissions.	By exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other objects.	Total.
36. SANDWICH.			$75 00																				
Rev. Otis Holmes,.....	Jan. 15, 1867	12		12																			
37. SEABROOK, SOUTH,			100 00																				
Rev. Wm. A. Rand,.....	Jan. 1, 1868	12		12																			
38. SHELBURNE,			60 00																				
Rev. C. H. Titus,.....	May 1, 1867	5		5																			
39. STODDARD,			100 00		106	2	16	58	74	8	3	11	1	3		4	1	8	9	164	$55 00	$106 80	$161 80
Rev. S. L. Gerould,.....	Sept. 1, 1867	12		12																			
40. WAKEFIELD,			150 00		65		10	29	39				2		2	4		1	1	66	23 00	46 00	69 00
Rev. D. D. Tappan,.....	Dec. 1, 1867	12		12																			
41. WASHINGTON,			187 00																				
Rev. E. B. Bassett,.....	May 20, 1867	12		12																			
42. WILMOT,			150 00		80	1	18	26	44		1	1	1	2		3				62	12 12	20 50	32 62
Rev. C. B. Tracy,.....	Jan. 1, 1868	12		8																			
43. WOLFEBOROUGH, NORTH,			30 00																				
Mr. Albert Bowers,.....	Aug. 1, 1867	2		2																			
44. WEST STEWARTSTOWN,			33 75		60	1	4	23	27	1	1	2		2		2		1	1	30			
Mr. M. D. Cobleigh,.....	Jan. 1, 1868	2		2																			
45. MERRIMACK, SOUTH,			30 00																				
Mr. E. S. Huntress,.....	July 1, 1868	2		2																			

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead, New.*—Meeting-house repaired within the year at an expense of $1,500. The pastor, Rev. S. H. Amsden, was installed over the church August 22, 1867. Congregation and Sabbath School increased in numbers and interest. Divine influences seemed to give efficacy to the word preached.

2. *Alstead.*—Previously to November last, for more than a year, this church had preaching but irregularly. At that time Rev. F. B. Knowlton, from Maine, commenced his labors here, and has continued them with encouraging success. This place, formerly called Paper-Mill Village, is truly missionary ground. The church is very feeble, having only four male members, and they advanced in life. A great work is to be done to bring this thriving but irreligious community under the saving influences of the gospel.

3. *Bennington.*—Rev. C. B. Tracy, now our missionary at Wilmot, closed his labors here the last of December. No stated successor has yet been obtained. The church is seeking such. One is greatly needed, as there is no other religious organization in the town. Though small, the church contains some excellent men and women.

4. *Bethlehem.*—After this church had been aided by our missionary society for more than sixty years it became so weak that it suspended worship for some three years. But under the patronage of the society it has rallied again, and has the efficient labors of Mr. C. M. Ferry, from the Union Theological Seminary, who divides his time between Bethlehem and Franconia. Good audiences on the Sabbath, and good Sabbath schools.

5. *Brookline.*—Our missionary here labors faithfully, earnestly, and with much acceptance to the people, but laments that no greater results are seen. He holds meetings in the out-districts with encouraging prospects.

6. *Canaan.*—At the time of our last anniversary Mr. Robert Sloss, member of Princeton Theological Seminary, was acting as missionary here, much to the benefit and gratification of the people. Several were hopefully converted, and united with the church. So interested were the church and congregation in his services, that they invited him to become their pastor, after he should have finished his course at Princeton. But failing to secure him, they have obtained another student from the same seminary—Mr. J. H. O'Brien—who has been

with them since early in May. Speaking of the feeble state of the Congregational and all other churches in the town, he says: "But still, amid the general ruins there are some signs of active Christian life, and of an earnest desire to 'strengthen the things that remain, and are ready to die.' While I have no conversions to report, I have this hopeful fact to state, that there are some very earnest inquirers. The great want of this church, as of all our churches, is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For the supply of this want we have been earnestly praying, and hope our prayers are answered. This church is in great need of a settled pastor." Truly so. We hope it may soon have one.

7. *Charlestown.*—The church has repaired its house of worship at an expense of $500. "In doing this," says our missionary, "we have made a sacrifice, but have taken pleasure in so doing. Our prayer meetings, for about ten weeks from the 1st of January, were more fully attended than ever before since I have ministered here. Often we had fifty and sixty—once eighty—but just at the time when every thing seemed to promise the best results, I was prostrated with a lung fever, and the interest died away. With our house newly repaired we mean to commence our work with more earnestness and new zeal, and, God prospering us in our work, we hope to succeed."

8. *Center-Harbor.*—Rev. Charles Willey, our faithful missionary here for several years, left the 1st of April, and is now supplying the church in Greenfield. The present incumbent is Mr. I. H. Bliss, member of the Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn. He will remain four months from June 1st. Word from him shows he is earnestly and prayerfully engaged in his missionary work; not only preaching on the Sabbath, but holding two or three prayer meetings weekly, in the village and out districts. The fact that so few attend the public means of grace saddens his heart, as it must the hearts of all lovers of God and the souls of their fellow-men.

9. *Conway.*—Our missionary continues in the faithful discharge of his ministerial and pastoral duties; retaining the respect and confidence of the people he has laboriously served many years. He preaches at North and South Conway, four miles apart, every Sabbath. He states: "Some improvements are being made in our sanctuary. Our prayer-meetings are more fully attended, and more interesting. Have just organized a Band of Hope. We have canvassed Conway, Jackson, Bartlett and Chatham in behalf of the New-Hampshire Bible Society, and have encouraged many, especially the young, to read the Bible with more interest." Mr. Kimball has claims on our gratitude for his long-continued and self-denying labors in this large, hard field.

10. *Croydon.*—Mr. Henry M. Dexter, Jr., son of Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D. D., editor of *The Congregationalist and Recorder*, a member of the Theological Seminary, Andover, passed his Spring vacation of six weeks here, in untiring efforts, not only on the Sabbath, but on all days through the week; preaching, holding prayer meetings, and visiting from house to house, for the spiritual welfare of the people. His report of his labors, written in full and with care, is much to his credit as a scholarly, earnest, devoted young man. Any community enjoying such services as he performed at Croydon must be greatly benefited by them.

Mr. William A. Spaulding, of the Bangor Seminary—an accepted missionary of the A. B. C. F. M.—is commissioned to pass some three months at Croydon after August 1.

11. *Dalton.*—The Church here, though small, having but seven male members, occupies an important position, midway between Littleton on the south and Lancaster on the north, a distance of more than twenty miles; and still farther from Gorham, on the east, another missionary field. Our missionary here, Rev. H. Farrar, holds on his way, toiling in faith and patience, amidst many discouragements. But the presence of the Master sustains him.

12. *Danbury.*—Our missionary writes: "This church might be a prosperous one, were it not for one thing: viz., the constant drain of its members by removal, its number of non-residents being very great in proportion to the whole." What is here said of this church is substantially true of most of our churches, not the feeble only, but the stronger. Emigration is the order of things in most of our rural districts; an effectual barrier to increasing strength in our churches.

13. *Deering.*—This remains a severe field for missionary culture. There is wealth in the town, but very little of it can be secured for the support of the gospel. This is not the worst of it. Malignant hatred is cherished by many toward evangelical religion. Of course, the ministry and the church are objects of reproach. But few if any missionary districts in the State are more unpromising. But all things are possible with God. He can—we hope and pray he will—make the preaching of his gospel efficacious to the pulling down of the strongholds of religious error and sin. Mr. Holman writes: "A Bible agent is canvassing the town. We hope we are making some progress."

14. *Dublin.*—This church, situated in the midst of strong opposition to evangelical truth, has struggled against great difficulties from its origin, nearly forty years ago. From the first, it has been on our list of feeble churches, and is likely to remain feeble, both in pecuniary means and moral power, unless God shall convert the inhabitants of the town to the love

of the truth as it is in Jesus. Many of the members of the church are advanced in life, and will soon finish their course, and unless others take their places the church must become still weaker. But our hope is in God, who has long sustained it amid fiery trials. What he has done he can yet do, and infinitely more.

15. *Enfield.*—This church remains "faint, yet pursuing." It has sustained heavy losses within a year or two, by the death of valued, influential members. It suffers, too, for the want of a suitable church edifice. It worships in a hall, to which many decline to go who would attend divine service in an inviting meeting-house proper. But the little church, and the few worshiping with them, are not able to build such in these times of high prices of labor and materials. Our missionary, Rev. Mr. Hartshorn, is greatly esteemed and beloved, not only by those attending his preaching, but the community around him. Delicate health is a drawback to the efforts he would otherwise make.

16. *Enfield Center.*—This was formerly the center of Congregationalism in the town. Since the rise of the village of North Enfield it has principally centered there, and but little Congregational preaching has been had at the Center, six miles from the North, though the church edifice here may be had and used half the time by Congregationalists. We have now, for the first time in many years, a missionary, Mr. A. H. Parker, from the Princeton Seminary, laboring here and at East Enfield half the time, alternately in each, for four months. His report shows him earnestly engaged in his work. He says: "I am glad to report considerable religious interest among the people. Several, I believe, have been some time under deep conviction of sin and of their need of a Saviour. I am encouraged to hope they will soon be enabled to trust in Christ and confess him before the world. We have interesting Sabbath schools in both places, at the Center and the East. I visit the people without respect to denomination, and have generally found them willing to speak on the subject of religion. As I feared many were relying upon their good works to save them, I have endeavored to impress on their minds the fundamental truths of the gospel in my preaching, and constantly to point them to Christ as their only Saviour. I have reason to hope a number are deeply concerned for their salvation."

17. *Enfield, East.*—For several years previous to the last, our missionaries at North Enfield, six miles from the East, preached half the time in the summer and autumn at the latter place. Last year a member of Princeton Seminary, Mr. C. A. Campbell, labored here four months, much to the interest and profit of the people, whereby an interest was awakened for similar services the present year, which they are enjoying, as

stated in the previous article, through the labors of Mr. Parker, who writes, in relation to the people of the East: "I firmly believe, if they could have constant preaching, they would in a short time become self-sustaining." Here, as at the Center, Sabbath schools and prayer meetings are sustained.

18. *Epping.*—Nothing essentially different here from former years. The missionary retains, to a high degree, the respect and confidence, not of his congregation only, but of the people of the town and vicinity generally. He is an able, faithful, devoted servant of Christ. His labors, life and influence are a great blessing to the town. "A beautiful communion service has been presented to the church by one of the deacons."

19. *Franconia;* see *Bethlehem.*

20. *Gorham.*—Mr. B. P. Johnson was our missionary here a year ago. Leaving about the 1st of September, he was succeeded by Rev. F. W. Dickinson, a recent graduate of Bangor Seminary. Though commissioned for a year, he served but nine months, and is settled at Turner, Me. The present incumbent is Mr. E. W. Seiler, of the Princeton Theological Seminary, who will remain till September. He appears to be faithfully discharging his duties, both in and out of the pulpit, and is well received by the little church and those who worship with it. But Gorham is a very hard, and, in many respects, a discouraging field; so much so, that it is difficult to secure the continuous labors of any one minister; and yet such labors alone can give the church strength, or much influence for good, in that ungodly community.

21. *Groton.*—Our missionary here has been longer in our service than any other one now in commission. He has labored here and at Hebron, an adjoining town, for nearly twenty-three years; a fact much to the credit of himself and the churches he has served. Though in feeble health most of the time, he has seldom failed to meet his appointments, alternately, in the towns, although severe hills intervene, and in the winter deep snow-drifts must be encountered. Both churches are feeble. In both the ratable property exceeds but little, if any, $22,000. But in both are excellent men and women of the true Puritan stamp, whose love of the truth as it is in Jesus renders them strong lights in the surrounding darkness. A son of the Groton church is now our missionary in Roxbury.

22. *Hebron;* see *Groton.*

23. *Kensington.*—God continues to bless this church under the faithful, self-denying labors of our excellent missionary, Rev. E. D. Eldridge. He writes: "It has been a year of prosperity and trial. A large number of our young people have left for distant places, and others are going soon. We have been visited with sickness and death in the society, which has

somewhat lessened the attendance on public worship. On the other hand, God has been visiting us more or less by his Spirit. One, during the last quarter, has become, as we trust, a Christian. Two were examined last Sabbath for admission to the church, and six others have the subject of uniting soon in contemplation. Our Sabbath congregation averages 105, and our Sabbath school 80. A few sisters in the church have been unusually engaged, and their labors have been blessed." A son of our missionary, a member of his church, is in College, preparing for the ministry. The society has raised $100 to pay for blinds on their church edifice, and some $40 toward the erection of a meeting-house in South Seabrook. The great change in the religious condition of the town within the last ten or twelve years shows the unspeakable value of the home missionary enterprise.

24. *Lempster.*—This church is a painful illustration of weakness, induced by death and emigration. For nearly ninety years it maintained the regular preaching of the gospel without foreign aid, though for some twenty years past it did so with great difficulty. It has at last reached that degree of weakness too great to sustain the ordinances of the gospel without assistance. It is now on our list of aided churches. Rev. Benjamin Howe, formerly our missionary at Hudson, is now in that relation at Lempster, having commenced his labors there in June, 1867. His reports indicate that he is constant in season and out of season in the discharge of his ministerial duties.

25. *Kingston.*—Another church long aided by our Missionary Society, but which for a few years last past managed to get along without assistance, has again thrown itself upon our charities. Doing the best it can, it finds itself unable, with its own means and such as it can secure from outsiders, to sustain the ministrations of the gospel; so we have again taken it under our care. Rev. Solomon Bixby, some years pastor at Westmoreland, commenced his labors here February 1, 1868. The church and society are to be commended for their repairs on the sanctuary and parsonage, on which they have expended nearly $800. Mr. B. writes: "We are now laboring for, praying for, and expecting the Lord will come and bless this people.

26. *Manchester*—City Mission Church.—This church is little more than nominal. It has no officers and no administration of the sacraments. It once had a little strength, had regular preaching and the administration of the ordinances; but it was for years destitute of pastoral oversight, became distracted, and is now almost extinct. Our missionary, Rev. T. P. Sawin, preaches to more or less of the children of the Sabbath school at the close of the Sunday school exercises in the afternoon, and to others who may be

present, making an audience of some 100. No public services in the forenoon of the Sabbath in the missionary chapel. The principal labor of the missionary is visiting the multitude of families scattered over the city which attend public worship no where, with the aim to induce them regularly to go to the house of God on the Sabbath, to converse with them on their relations to God and eternity; pray with them; ascertain the necessities of the poor, and report their needs to individuals and to benevolent societies, in order to their being supplied.

There should be a large, flourishing congregation in the mission chapel on the Sabbath; but this can not be expected until prominent families regularly attend there, and thus give character to the enterprise. A great missionary work needs to be done in Manchester, now containing from 25,000 to 30,000 inhabitants, not one fourth of whom attend public worship any where.

27. *Meredith Village.*—The Trustees have long felt that this church and society should support the gospel without further aid from our Missionary Society. It is now more than half a century since it was first assisted, in most if not all the years of which it has had grants from our funds. It would undoubtedly be for its interest every way to assume the entire support of its own religious institutions. The pastor reports: "About the best we can say is, that we hold on our way. In externals there is a good degree of prosperity. Two have been excommunicated. I wish I could report many souls converted and large accessions to the church, but I can not. I sometimes fear it is because of my unfaithfulness. We need to strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die."

28. *Milton Mills.*—No Congregational church here. Several members of Congregational churches elsewhere reside in the place, and hope, at no distant day, to be organized into a church of our order. The monthly concert is maintained, contributions made to Home and Foreign Missions, and $30 raised to increase the Sabbath school library.

29. *Newington.*—No church organized here yet. Our missionary, Rev. F. Davis, labors in hope that the truth which he aims faithfully to preach may become the power of God unto the salvation of his hearers. A good attendance on the Sabbath and at the Sabbath school.

30. *Newmarket, South.*—Since the close of the labors here of Rev. E. Chapman, in April, 1867, there was little preaching to this church till June of the present year, when Rev. I. T. Otis commenced laboring in its behalf. It is small in number and feeble in pecuniary ability. But "prospects seem to be more favorable now. The Sabbath school is regenerated, and is quite interesting. The congregation is increasing. I think the people will now keep up the meetings. It is important

that they should do so. This ground should be holden," says our missionary.

31. *Ossipee Center.*—Rev. T. V. Haines closed his services here at the termination of his commission. After a destitution of regular preaching for several months, Rev. T. N. Lord began service here, October 13, 1867. He writes: "I am not permitted to report any special religious interest; but our meetings on the Sabbath are regularly attended, and the church seems to value the ordinances of the gospel, and mean to enjoy them. This church is rooted and grounded in the truth, and has not been corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. It maintains the weekly prayer meeting; and the Sabbath school, though small, is well conducted, and the Sabbath school concert is very interesting." Mr. Lord is from Maine, where he labored with several churches with much success. The church at Ossipee can not but be greatly benefited by his able, faithful instructions and labors.

32. *Ossipee Corner.*—No organized Congregational church here, the shire town of Carroll County; but several members of the Congregational church in Center Ossipee, and of other churches of our order, reside here, who have applied to the Trustees for aid in sustaining Congregational preaching. Such is granted toward the support of Rev. T. P. Smith, their present preacher, once a practicing lawyer in the place. He reports: "We have had no revival, but there have been cases of seriousness, and those who have attended meetings have shown, by their constant attendance in all weather, that they love the Sabbath and the sanctuary, and are much interested in having religious worship. Our Sabbath school numbers thirty, our congregation is increasing, and things look prosperous for the future."

33. *Plainfield.*—The labors of students from theological seminaries during vacations, some longer, some shorter, with this church, for two or three years past, have been blest to its reanimation. It now feels it must have constant preaching. Mr. Geo. H. French, from the Andover Seminary, passed his Spring vacation of seven weeks here, and has given an exceedingly interesting report of his labors. He says: "I made over one hundred different calls. In every instance I was kindly and cordially received, and I endeavored to make them as strictly pastoral as possible. In several instances I had interesting personal conversations with those almost Christians, and those who had become somewhat cold in their religious feelings. I presented duty and privilege as strongly as seemed wise, and gave, too, words of encouragement." He adds: "I was greatly refreshed myself, spiritually, by my labor here, and strengthened in my hopes of usefulness in the Christian ministry. I feel, also, that the people are becoming more interested in relig-

ious things. There is more confidence among them of keeping up meetings than there has been. One lady has purchased a cabinet organ for the church, which will give a new impulse to their efforts."

Soon after the retirement of Mr. French, Mr. R. C. Bell, of the Union Theological Seminary, New-York, took his place at Plainfield, and continues there. His commission is for four months. He writes: "I think the church feels her responsibilities, and we are praying and working for the outpouring of the Spirit. The existence of the church depends on this."

34. *Roxbury.*—Mr. Henry Colburn, a member of the church at Groton, was commissioned, April 20, to serve this church one year. It had been destitute of preaching most of the time up to that date, since the close of the ministry here of Rev. Oscar Bissell, in June, 1867. Mr. Colburn writes: "We expect to receive some on profession during the summer. A good degree of interest in the meetings. God's Spirit is evidently moving upon the people. This is a small community, and very scattered; yet we have thirty generally at our prayer-meeting, Sabbath evening.

35. *Sandwich, North.*—Rev. Otis Holmes, our missionary here and at Sandwich, South, for some years, has left the State, and gone to labor with a small Congregational church on Long Island, N. Y. This church is feeble, but contains members, male and female, of excellent Christian character, who love the gates of Zion, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They are made sad at the deprivation of public worship; are willing to do all they can to regain the blessing. We hope they may soon enjoy it again. Within a year or two they have made important repairs on their house of worship, and are liberal in the support of Christian institutions. Mr. Holmes was a very faithful missionary both here and at

36. *Sandwich,* where he closed his labors in January last, for want of support. The church here has become almost extinct by death and removals. It is doubtful whether it will soon, if ever, rally again; a sad prospect.

37. *Seabrook, South.*—This is a new field of missionary labor, in the very south-east part of the State; a field greatly needing such labor, containing some five hundred people, who have been ignorant and wicked. Mr. Wm. A. Rand, a lay preacher, and a soldier in our late army, commenced Christian labor among them in Feb., 1867, which has been greatly blessed. A wonderful revival of religion, under the gracious influences of the Spirit, succeeded. Some twenty hopeful converts were organized into a Congregational church, by an ecclesiastical council, formed of ministers in the vicinity, some belonging to Massachusetts. Mr. Rand has secured between $2,000 and $3,000 for the erection of a church edifice, and the work has

already commenced under his supervision. He has shown wonderful faith, energy and perseverance in his self-denying and exhausting labors for that destitute people, and deserves the sympathies, the thanks and the coöperation of our churches. He has been licensed to preach by the Essex North Massachusetts Association. We can but hope great good will continue to result from his efforts for that benighted people.

38. *Shelburne.*—Rev. Eugene H. Tilus was laboring under commission here at our last anniversary. He left soon after, with the confidence and gratitude of the people for his acceptable and useful labors. It is understood Mr. B. P. Johnson, our missionary last year at this time in Gorham, is now preaching at Shelburne and in the neighboring town of Gilead, in Maine. The Shelburne church has become greatly reduced in numbers and strength. Without the special interposition of God it must soon become extinct.

39. *Stoddard.*—Rev. S. L. Gerould continues his ministry here, amid both encouragements and discouragements. His labors for years have been greatly blessed in the conversion of numbers of his flock, and in the enlargement of the church; but there is much opposition to truth in the town, and much open wickedness. Intemperance is prevalent. Much faith and patience are requisite in the minister of Christ here, whoever he may be.

40. *Wakefield.*—We have a hard-working, indefatigable missionary here in the person of Rev. D. D. Tappan. In his last quarterly report he states: "I have preached in Wakefield and vicinity, during the quarter, thirty-nine times; have lectured on Palestine in this and neighboring towns four times; have attended eleven other meetings, and made twenty-eight calls. Nothing of special interest has occurred among us. Progress must be very slow here without an unwonted Divine interposition. Some go-to-meeting people have moved into this town and vicinity, who give us some additional strength, so far as Sabbath attendance is concerned, and some of them by their Christian character, though how much aid pecuniarily I am not advised. The Missionary Society, as you know well, will have to exercise long patience with these feeble communities, unless God should signally interpose."

41. *Washington.*—Rev. E. B. Bassett closed his labors here May 20, and has gone to Irving, Mass. Whether the church at Washington has preaching at the present time we are not informed. It is very feeble, having but one or two male members, who are all but discouraged as to ability in the church to sustain the ordinances of the gospel, even with all the foreign aid they may receive.

42. *Wilmot.*—Rev. C. B. Tracy, our missionary some years at Bennington, commenced service here, under commission, June

1, 1868. He writes: "I have been in Wilmot just six months. During this time there has been good progress in the right direction. An increase in the congregation up to this time. You know this is a hard field to labor in, but I am full of hope that it will be well with this little church in days to come."

43. *Wolfeborough, North.*—Mr. Albert Bowers, of the Seminary, Andover, passed his spring and fall vacation in 1867 with this church, greatly to their acceptance and benefit. During the winter and spring the church had but little preaching. The Secretary is advised that it is now making effort to secure the labor, half the time, of Rev. T. P. Smith, who lives in the town, but preaches at Ossipee Corner. There are good farms in North Wolfeborough, and abundant means to support the institutions of the gospel; but too little interest is felt in them to employ their means for this purpose. In the place are a few who greatly desire a stated, instructive ministry.

44 *West Stewartstown.*—Mr. N. T. Cobleigh, a member of the senior class, Amherst College, passed some two months in the last winter here, in the performance of truly missionary labor, much to the interest and gratification of the people in this and the neighboring towns of Canaan, Vt., and Hereford, Canada East. Large, interested audiences attended his ministrations. So much interest was awakened for the enjoyment of stated preaching, that $500 have been subscribed for the support of a preacher for a year; but, unfortunately, they have not been able to obtain one. The Secretary has made earnest, long-continued effort to find a suitable man for the position, but as yet without success. That is a very important missionary field. No effort should be spared for its faithful cultivation. We wish the few who are laboring to this end to know that we sympathize with them, and appreciate their sacrifices and endeavors for the cause of Christ and souls.

45. *South Merrimack.*—This church was without Congregational preaching from April 1, 1867, to April 1, 1868, a Methodist minister occupying the pulpit during that time. Since April last, Congregational preaching has been had again, and now Mr. Edward S. Huntress, from the Andover Seminary, is passing his fall vacation here. The church, though very feeble, is unwilling to live without preaching of its own order, and is making commendable efforts to secure it. It has claims on our sympathies, prayers and pecuniary aid.

SEMINARY STUDENTS.

We have employed students of theological seminaries during their vacations in several of our destitute churches, the past as in former years. From the Seminary, Andover, Mr. Albert Bowers passed his fall vacation of six weeks at North Wolfeborough; Mr. L. H. Frary, the same vacation, at Alton; Mr. G. H. French, his spring vacation, at Plainfield; Mr. H. M. Dexter, the same vacation, at Croydon. From the Hartford, Conn., Theological Seminary, Mr. J. M. Bliss is spending four months at Center-Harbor. From the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., Mr. C. M. Ferry is under commission for four months, from May 1st, at Bethlehem and Franconia. From Princeton Seminary we are having the services, for four months each, from May 1st, of Mr. G. W. Seiler, at Gorham; Mr. J. H. O'Brien, at Canaan; Mr. A. H. Parker, at East and Center Enfield. Mr. F. A. Cobleigh, of the senior class, Amherst College, passed six weeks in missionary labor, in the winter, at West Stewartstown and vicinity. Mr. Wm. A. Spaulding, of the Bangor (Me.) Seminary, is commissioned to spend eight weeks, from August 1st, at Croydon; and Mr. Edward S. Huntress, from the Seminary, Andover, six weeks at South Merrimack.

The Trustees are strengthened in their convictions of the great usefulness of the services of students from our theological seminaries, during their vacations, to our feeble and otherwise entirely destitute churches. Well educated, earnest, enthusiastic, hopeful, devoted, faithful, they address themselves to their work, expecting, with the Divine blessing, success. They labor in hope of being instrumental of the quickening of Christians in the Divine life, and of the conversion of the impenitent. Nor in vain do they labor; for, although they do not accomplish all they hoped, they report increasing interest in the services of the sanctuary, the prayer meeting, the Sabbath school; Christians are made more deeply to feel their responsibilities, the ungodly their danger; young men, youth and children have their thoughts directed to their relations to God and eternity. These temporary missionaries do much good by visiting from house to house for religious conversation and prayer, imparting consolation to the aged, the sick, the afflicted. Their labors, in and out of the pulpit, secure the respect, confidence and affection, of the people whom they serve, and awaken in them desire for constant ministerial labors. Such has been the influence of these labors on several churches, which for years had no regular preaching, that they now feel they can not live without it, and are making commendable effort to secure the great blessing.

The Trustees would here add that, but for these temporary services of student missionaries, not a few of our feeble churches could have almost no preaching; for temporary preachers could be had to any extent from no other sources than our theological seminaries. In this way churches are not only prevented from utter extinction, but are encouraged to effort to live and become stronger.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

We deeply regret to report almost no revivals of religion in our mission churches the past year. This, however, is not peculiar to such churches. Very few revivals have existed in our stronger churches during the year now reported, nor, indeed, in the churches of sister denominations in the State. Seldom, for many years, has religion been at so low an ebb in New-Hampshire as in the past. Public worship has been maintained as usual, and attended perhaps by about the usual number, though it is subject for lamentation that it is becoming common for increasing numbers to attend only in the forenoon of the Sabbath. This has had the effect, in too many instances, of discontinuing altogether the public services of the afternoon. Where prayer meetings are regularly maintained by churches, but few of their members attend. This is both cause and effect of a languishing state of religion in most of our churches; the stronger in numbers and means, as well as in the weaker. Love of the world, in its riches, pleasures and vanities, has taken a strong hold, to a painful extent, of the professed friends of Christ. Consequently, their love of Him languishes, and the powers of the world to come are feebly felt. If this is true of our churches generally, of every name, no wonder to find it the condition of our mission churches. They partake of the common depressed religious spirit, but, relatively, are in no worse condition than are other churches. Greatly do all need a season of refreshing from on high. Without it they will become still weaker. Death and emigration will continue to lessen their numbers, and worldly-mindedness will eat out their spirituality as doth a canker.

In the absence of revivals in our mission churches, the morals of the communities in which they are located are not improving. Profanity, intemperance, Sabbath-breaking, and other immoralities, are painfully prevalent.

CHURCHES WEAKENED BY DEATH AND EMIGRATION.

Most of the few members of our mission churches are advanced in life, and are fast passing off the stage. Of the small number in middle life and under, not a few are emigrating to our cities, large towns, and to the great West. Almost none, as appears from the "Statistical Tables," and from the "Details and Results" in this and several former annual reports of our Missionary Society, take the places of those removed by death and emigration. The inevitable consequence is, a constant diminution in membership and strength, pecuniary and moral, of many of our already feeble churches; so much so, that several can have preaching but a small portion of the year. Others have discontinued all effort to maintain preaching. This process of weakness has been going on almost from the origin of our Missionary Society,—a period of more than sixty years,—during which some twenty-five or thirty churches, once aided by its funds, have become extinct. Several, within a few years, if they have not ceased entirely to exist, make no effort to maintain the ordinances of the gospel. This is true of Bradford, Chatham, Goshen, Sandwich, Moultonborough, Tuftonborough, Shelburne, Bridgewater, Thornton, Effingham, Whitefield, and others. While we must greatly regret this decline and extinction of so many churches, we have relief from our regrets that emigrants from them go to other parts of the country, often to the new settlements, and there unite with other Christians in establishing and sustaining the institutions of the gospel. Then, again, we rejoice that in many places where our Congregational churches become extinct, or so weakened as to be unable to maintain preaching of their own faith and order, other evangelical churches rise up and maintain, to some good degree, religious institutions. There is another great difficulty in sustaining the regular ministrations of the gospel in many of our churches that retain some little strength: it is in their inability to secure, with all the aid our Missionary Society can grant, preachers of the needed qualifications. None but men of good talents, winning address, attractive pulpit powers, will succeed in drawing out any considerable numbers to the sanctuary. But preachers of this character are wanted elsewhere, where they can command competent support, and can not be had to labor with our small, decaying churches. Hence, such churches can not command the instruments necessary for their enlargement and prosperity. We see no remedy for this sore evil, unless young ministers of high qualifications will consent to plant themselves in these discouraging fields, and the more favored churches will adequately sustain them.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME MISSIONS.

With a view of ascertaining what each Congregational and Presbyterian church in the State had paid into the treasury of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for a series of years, the Secretary made, the past winter, an analysis of donations as credited in the reports of the Treasurer for the six years from 1862 to 1867 inclusive, and, through a printed circular, advised each church of its donations to the cause for each of those years, the total for the six years, and the average to each member of the church for each of these years. It should be stated that legacies and donations made immediately to the American Home Missionary Society, without passing through the treasury of our State Society, as also donations from Cent Societies, were not included in the analysis. It aimed only to show what the churches and congregations, as such, had contributed to home missions, whether for the State or the nation, through the treasury of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The total donations, as thus explained, from the 188 churches (Congregational and Presbyterian) in the State, for the six years, are twenty-three thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars thirty-three cents ($23,279.33); average per year, three thousand eight hundred seventy-nine dollars eighty-nine cents ($3,879.89). Our church members in 1867 were 19,402; average to each member for each of the six years, nineteen and seven-eights cents ($0.19⅞).

The statistical table of donations for the six years is instructive and painfully interesting. During all these years some of the churches, even among the stronger, gave nothing to the cause; or perhaps it should be said, nothing from them appears in the report of the Treasurer of our Missionary Society. Many churches made donations in one, two, three or four of the six years; a goodly number in each of the years, and about the same amount in each. But the analysis reveals the fact that very many of the comparatively weaker churches contribute more regularly, and more in fact, than many of the larger in numbers and in means. Another interesting development: the statistics show that much depends on pastors whether their churches contribute regularly and liberally, or otherwise.

A similar analysis was made of donations from Female Cent Societies to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for the six years before named, and the result sent by circular to each society.

Cent Societies exist in about one hundred and thirty of our churches. Their donations to the cause for the six years were twelve thousand two hundred fifty-seven dollars seven cents ($12,257.07); average per year, two thousand forty-two dol-

lars eighty-four cents ($2,042.84,) nearly two fifths as much as was contributed in the six years by the churches and congregations. The total donations from Cent Societies, from their origin, in 1805, were $68,138.97; an average of more than $1000 a year.

The Female Cent Institution is the right arm of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. Our most cordial thanks are due to the Female Cent Societies for their unremitting and generous aid to our cause.

THE MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund of the New-Hampshire Cent Institution, in this, the fourth year of its existence, has obtained a large place in the confidence and interest of the members and friends of female cent societies. Children and grand-children, as well as the husbands and brothers of deceased members, are happy to constitute them members of the fund by the payment of $10, the interest of which is annually appropriated to the support of home missions in our State. The number of members is now 261, and the fund, amounting to $2,610, is invested in sound public stocks, yielding at least six per cent per annum. Happy the conception of the object. While it serves to keep in affectionate remembrance the founders and early members of the Cent Institution, and affords living members the means of usefulness after their departure from earth, it renders, and will continue to render, important aid to the great home missionary enterprise for generations to come. We have now but little idea what may be the largeness of this fund, or its usefulness, if wisely and safely managed, in the distant future.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This society employed the last year 908 missionaries in 29 different States and Territories. The aggregate of ministerial labor performed was 702 years. Number of congregations supplied was 1,710; number of Sabbath school scholars, about 66,300. Contributions reported to benevolent objects, by 543 missionaries, $34,068.35. Eighty-five revivals reported, in some of which there have been 30 to 60 hopeful conversions. Number of conversions reported by missionaries is 3,296. Additions to the churches, 6,214, of whom 3,543 by profession.

Fifty-eight churches have been organized; twenty-two have assumed the entire support of the ministry. Fifty-six houses of worship have been erected, 106 repaired, and 28 others commenced. Eighty young men, in connection with mission churches, are in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

Receipts of the Society for the year were $217,577.25, which, added to the balance in the treasury of the previous year ($75,558.67), made the resources of the Society $293,135.92. Payments, $254,668.65. Receipts of this above the preceding year, $5,009.62, and the expenditures above those of any former year, $26,709.68.

THE GOSPEL THE SALVATION OF OUR COUNTRY.

Upon intelligent, observing, thinking minds, the question presses itself with overwhelming interest, "*What is to be the future condition of our country?*" Already one of the most extensive in its territory on the globe; of boundless agricultural and mineral resources; of illimitable manufacturing and commercial operations; containing an heterogeneous population of some forty millions of people, soon to be hundreds of millions; unsurpassed in energy of character, as seen in our scores of thousands of miles of railway, magnetic telegraph, post route and steam navigation; unequaled in the means of education and general intelligence, as evinced by our system of common schools, academies, colleges, and varied seminaries of science and professional learning, and the countless issues of the daily press, free and untrammeled; by libraries containing, in the aggregate, more than 20,000,000 of volumes,—we are now a great and mighty people, the value of the products of whose various industries, as stated by the highest statistical authority,* is annually ($12,000,000,000) twelve thousand million dollars. We are now not only *one* of the great powers of the earth, but probably *the* great earthly power. But our nation is only in its infancy; it has not seen a century of years, while most all other existing nations have lived many centuries. What height of greatness and power our nation may reach a few centuries hence, no human mind can conjecture; but, looking at the various causes at work tending to its enlargement every way, may we not safely infer that, should it not incur the displeasure of God, the Governor among the nations, it will become, in the progress of coming centuries, a nation

* Hon. David A. Wells, Commissioner of National Internal Revenue.

unsurpassed in magnitude and power by any nation that has hitherto existed on earth, or shall exist to the end of time?

But great is the danger that our nation sin against Jehovah to its utter overthrow. Nations are under the government and at the disposal of God. He says: "The nation and kingdom that will not serve him shall perish; yea, these nations shall be utterly wasted." How did all the ancient nations perish who set God at nought? While many in our nation fear God and work righteousness, the multitudes regard him not. Sin and wickedness abound, and threaten the demoralization of the nation. This the secular press declares. The able journal, *The Nation*, in its issue of Jan. 2, 1868, utters the following strong language:

"We are suffering just now from political corruption,—a corruption that is eating its way into nearly every State Legislature, and which, unhappily, is also reaching the courts. We are suffering from drunkenness; from crimes of violence; from growing indifference to law; from wide-spread contempt for training and study; from a clumsy, corrupt, inefficient civil service, whose agents, instead of serving the country, defile and disgrace it, through their dishonesty and incapacity.

"We have before us the tremendous problem of reconciling to each other the white and black races at the South, of reducing the whites to civilized subjection to the law, and of teaching the blacks to use the law intelligently, for their comfort and security, and not for vengeance and proscription. We have to make head against the great tide of barbarism which our vast frontier is ever rolling back on us, and, at the same time, to raise to the American level the vast horde of immigrants which are every year deposited on our shores, without any other preparation for their new life than discontent with their old one. We have, too, to strengthen the national conscience, to resist the assaults of the crop of demagogues whom every political trouble brings to the surface, who seem to seek the national dishonor with almost satanic eagerness, and to find the highest happiness in persuading the community to do things which no individual would like to confess to his son he had a share in.

"Few careful observers will deny that although the opening up of the West by steam has added enormously to our national wealth, it has not added in the same ratio, or any thing like the same ratio, to our moral and political strength. We have no hesitation in saying that much of the decline in moral and political tone at Washington and elsewhere, during the last thirty years, is due to the enormous preponderance in government and society given by the railroads and steamboats to communities scattered over immense areas, and slenderly influenced either by church, or school, or social intercourse.

"If the national future be in peril at all, it is not for want of territory, but from excess of it; not because we have not soil enough, but because we are unable to cover what we have with law, order, religion and education."

To the above named causes of political and social decline, should be added, the disregard of the family relation, the evasion of the sacred responsibilities of marriage, the facilities and commonness of divorce, and wide spread licentiousness. This enormous decline in morals, social, monetary and political, is the effect, in great measure, of the painful ignoring of God all over our wide national domain. This is evident from the general desecration of the Sabbath and neglect of the sanctuary every where as institutions of God, designed as remembrancers of himself to men, and as intruments of his moral government over them. To most of the six millions of Germans in our land the Sabbath has no sanctity. Violent opposers are they of all "Sunday laws." The pleasures and amusements of their "beer gardens" on the Lord's day they will not forego, but will oppose politically any party that would maintain these laws. The five or six millions of Romanists in our country, though they may attend their church service on the Sabbath, view and treat it little else than as a holiday. An intelligent New-England traveler to the Pacific across the continent, in relation to the vast territory west of the Mississippi River, says: "There is no aristocracy of days out here; all the secular business of the week continues through the Sabbath."

Now God, sooner or later, will be avenged on such a nation as this, unless it repent and bring forth fruit meet for repentance. But by what means shall it be made to do this? What influences are adequate to produce this effect? God, in his true character, as moral Governor of the world, who will by no means clear the guilty, must be brought before the national mind. How can this be done? The only effectual way is by preaching the gospel. But who shall preach it through the vast, appalling moral wastes of our great country? The home missionary must do this, as it can be done in no other way. By whom shall the missionary be sent forth and sustained? On the churches of Christ rests this responsibility? Will they intelligently and faithfully meet it? Since the world began, God probably never rolled greater responsibility on any part of his Church than he now devolves, in all her divisions, on the American Church, to plant and establish the institutions of the gospel from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the lakes on the north to the Rio Grande in the south. Will the churches of which the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is the organ do their part in this momentous work?

In behalf of the Trustees,

WM. CLARK, Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1868.

Dr. *The New-Hampshire Missionary Society in account with* Benjamin P. Stone, *Treasurer.* Cr.

To paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$4,790.85	By balance from last year's account,	$3,882.68
American Home Missionary, appropriation by the Trustees,	500.00	Donations from churches, congregations and individuals,	3,475.28
Ditto, donations of churches and individuals,	456.41	Donation from the N. H. Female Cent Institution, including $96.90, income of the Memorial Fund,	2,420.10
Ditto, legacy,	94.00	Legacies,	1,579.00
Rev. Wm. Clark, Secretary, salary, $1,000; his traveling expenses, $180; postage on letters, $18.15; postage on circulars and reports, $11.26; stationery, $14.01; U. S. stamps, $3; circulars, $10; blanks, $2.50, and expressage, $2.30,	1,241.22	Donations for the A. H. M. S.,	456.41
		Legacy for the A. H. M. S.,	94.00
		Premium on bank stock sold,	277.12
		Income of the Permanent Fund,	163.99
Salary of Treasurer, $150; his bill for postage. $11.20; stamps, $3; stationery, $3.79; drafts, expressage, telegraph and traveling expenses, $18,	185.09	Cash paid by Manchester City Missionary Society, Permanent Fund,	78.99
		Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark,	40.00
		Donations for a needy home missionary at the West,	13.00
Salary of the Treasurer of the Cent Institution,	80.00	Interest,	0.35
A. G. Jones, printing Annual Report,	90.00		$12,480.82
McFarland & Jenks, for printing Cent Report,	77.92		
National Savings Bank, Permanent Fund,	79.00		
Rev. Charles Shedd,	13.00		
Concord Post Office, postage on reports,	7.88		
William Anderson, for services,	2.00		
Independent Press Association, for blanks,	2.75		
McFarland & Jenks, for blanks,	2.25		
Counterfeit scrip,	3.75		
Balance carried to new account,	4,904.70		
	$12,480.82		

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of B. P. Stone, for the year closing Aug. 15, 1868, and find them correct; leaving a balance in his hands of four thousand nine hundred and four dollars and seventy cents ($4,904.70).

Concord, Aug. 17, 1868. S. G. LANE, Auditor.

The Permanent Fund, including at this date, Nov. 20, the Memorial Fund, $2,710, amounts to $4,606.67.

RECEIPTS.

Acworth—Ladies' Charitable Society, in full to constitute Rev. J. L. Merrill life member, $18.45; Cong. church and society, to constitute Miss Lucy McClure life member, $30,	$48.45
Alstead—B. H. Fisher,	1.50
Amherst—Cong. church and society,	76.55
Atkinson—A friend,	2.00
Bedford—Presbyterian church and society,	71.75
Bennington—Cong. church and society,	50.64
Boscawen—Cong. church and society,	25.00
Bristol—Cong. church and society,	12.20
Brookline—Cong. church and society, for the American Home Missionary Society,	19.37
Campton—Cong. church and society,	16.40
Candia—Cong. church and society,	40.25
Chester—Cong. church and society, to constitute Isaac Lane life member,	30.00
Chesterfield—Cong. church and society,	4.70
Center-Harbor—A friend,	1.00
Chichester—Cong. church and society,	4.35
Claremont—Cong. church and society,	87.28
Concord—First Cong. church and society, to constitute Mary Ann Allison and John Abbot life members, $60; ditto, to constitute Enoch Gerrish, Charles Moody and Mrs. J. B. Walker life members of the A. H. M. S., $100,	160.00
Concord, East—Rev. H. A. Kendall,	3.62
Concord, South—Cong. church and society,	57.50
Concord, West—Cong. church and society,	25.79
Derry—First Church and society,	70.00
Derry—First Cong. church and society,	38.00
Deering—Cong. church and society,	10.75
Deerfield—Cong. church and society, for A. H. M. S., $10.11; Rev. Jacob Chapman, for A. H. M. S., $5,	15.11
Dover—First Cong. church and society,	147.85
Dublin—Cong. church and society,	6.50
Dunbarton—Cong. church and society,	13.60
Durham—Cong. church and society,	50.00
East Jaffrey—Cong. church and society,	5.00
East Hanover—Cong. church and society,	5.00
East Wilton—Cong. church and society,	13.13
Epsom—Cong. church and society,	6.00
Epping—Cong. church and society,	32.00
Enfield Center—James M. Johnson,	5.00
Exeter—First Cong. church and society, $38.20; a friend, for the A. H. M. S., $10,	48.20

Farmington—Cong. church and society,	10.00
Fisherville—Dea. Almon Harris, for the A. H. M. S., for the south,	10.00
Francestown—Cong. church and society, $63 94; Josiah Kingsbury, for the A. H. M. S., $50,	113.94
Franklin—Cong. church and society,	28.25
Gilmanton—Cong. church and society,	7.20
Gorham—Cong. church and society,	*7.65
Goffstown—Cong. church and society,	29.20
Greenfield—Moody Larkin, $5; united congregation, $10.09,	15.09
Haverhill—Cong. church and society, to constitute Wm. H. Burbeck life member,	37.72
Hancock—Cong. church and society,	19.78
Hanover—Dartmouth College church,	40.00
Henniker—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rebecca Ramsdell life member, $43; to constitute Mrs. Nathan Carter, of West Henniker, and Miss Sarah A. French, life members of A. H. M. S., $75,	118.00
Hollis—Cong. church and society, $20.45; ditto, for the A. H. M. S., $30.32,	59.77
Hopkinton—Cong. church and society,	27.13
Jaffrey—Cong. church and society,	9.60
Keene—Ladies' Heshbon Society, $25; Monthly concert, $7; S. Osborn, $10; Arthur Osborn, 6 cts.,	42.06
Keene—Second Cong. church monthly concert, $34.40; ditto, for the A. H. M. S., $17.80; a friend at large, for the A. H. M. S., $3,	55.20
Kensington—Cong. church and society,	20.00
Laconia—Mrs. B. Q. Jewett, for the A. H. M. S.,	12.00
Lebanon—Cong. church and society,	22.00
Lempster—Cong. church and society,	10.00
Littleton—Cong. church and society,	15.00
Loudon—Cong. church and society,	4.75
Manchester—First Cong. church and society,	172.69
Manchester—Franklin Street church and society, $197.92; C. B. Southworth, in part to constitute Miss Sarah Augusta Sanborn life member of A. H. M. S., $20,	217.92
Marlborough—Cong. church and society,	18.49
Mason—Cong. church and society,	5.28
Mason Village—Cong. church and society,	20.00
Meredith Village—Cong. church and society, in part to constitute Miss Sally Dearborn life member, $17.75; Rev. C. Burnham, $5; also, Aug. 28, 1867, $7.50,	30.25
Merrimack—Cong. church and society, $53.45; a friend, $2,	55.45
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha H. Dodge,	5.00
Mont-Vernon—Cong. church and society,	40.25
Milton Mills—People,	10.00
Nashua—First Cong. church and society,	190.00
Nashua—Olive Street church and society,	15.00
New Alstead—Cong. church and society, $8; Ladies' Circle, $9,	17.00
Newington—People,	8.00
Newmarket—Cong. church and society, to constitute Rev. Isaac C. White life member,	51.11
Newcastle—A female friend,	2.00

* $3.65 of this sum was intended for Foreign Missions, and has been paid over.

Newport—Cong. church and society, $12.42, in full to constitute Mrs. Sybil Gilmore life member; $10 in full to constitute Dea. Rufus P. Claggett life member; Cong. church, $17,	39.42
North Conway—Cong. church and society and visitors, to constitute Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. John Todd, D. D., Pittsfield, Mass., life members,	68.15
North-Hampton—Cong. church and society, to constitute Ja's R. Leavitt life member,	33.00
Northwood—Cong. church and society, for the A. H. M. S.,	9.15
New-Ipswich—Cong. church and society,	30.17
Orford—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. Isaac Willard life member,	30.00
Orfordville—Cong. church and society,	4.00
Ossipee Center—Cong. church and society,	8.39
Pelham—Mrs. E. W. Tyler, to constitute James Tyler life member of the A. H. M. S., $30; ditto, for the A. H. M. S., $20; ditto, for the A. H. M. S., $25; church, $55,	130.00
Pembroke—Isaac Walker,	2.00
Pittsfield—Cong. church and society, $24.70; Dea. R. S. French, in part to constitute Susan G. French life member, $5,	29.70
Plainfield—Rev. Jacob Scales and others, $11.61; individuals, $5.12,	16.73
Plymouth—Cong. church and society, two collections,	29.50
Portsmouth—North Cong. church and society,	347.49
Rindge—Female Charitable Society,	31.00
Rye—Cong. church and society, $5; Rev. Giles Leach, $3,	8.00
Sanbornton—Cong. church and society,	30.00
Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society, in full to constitute Adam S. Ballantyne life member; the balance ($28.43) in part to constitute Jason Foss, of Northfield, life member,	30.00
Salmon Falls—Charles Abbott, $1; Cong. church and society, $20,	21.00
Seabrook and Hampton Falls—Cong. church,	24.50
Sandwich, North—Cong. church, $5; South Cong. church, $3,	8.00
South Merrimack—Cong. church and society,	4.00
Stoddard—Cong. church and society,	24.80
Stratham—Cong. church and society,	11.15
Sullivan—Cong. church and society,	15.42
Swanzey—Cong. church and society,	6.89
Temple—Cong. church and society,	18.85
Troy—Rev. D. Goodhue, in part to constitute his daughter, Mary E. Goodhue, life member,	10.00
Wakefield—Cong. church and society,	14.65
Walpole—Cong. church and society,	25.66
Warner—Cong. church and society,	20.00
Westmoreland—Cong. church and society,	7.35
Wentworth—Cong. church and society,	12.69
Wilmot—Cong. church and society,	23.34
Wolfeborough—Cong. church and society,	19.30
West Boscawen—Cong. church and society,	29.00

LEGACIES.

Barrington—Legacy of Solomon Waldron, ten shares in Blackstone Bank, Boston, par value,	$1,000.00
Amherst—Legacy of Amos Lawrence, $500; less Government tax, $30,	470.00
Jaffrey—Legacy of Susan Sawyer,	15.00
Salisbury—Legacy of Samuel C. Bartlett, $100, less tax, six dollars,	94.00
Boscawen—Legacy of Jonathan T. Tuttle, $100; less tax, six dollars; for A. H. M. S.,	94.00
	$1,673.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

New-Hampshire Female Cent Institution, including $96.90, income of the Memorial Fund,	$2,420.10
Premium on bank stock sold,	277.12
Income of Permanent Fund,	168.99
Permanent Fund, paid by Manchester City Missionary Society,	78.89
Avails of supplying pulpit by Rev. William Clark,	40.00
Rockingham County Conference,	20.35
Donation for a needy home missionary at the West,	13.00
Sullivan County Conference,	9.06
C. H. Staniels' interest,	0.35
	$3,022.86

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	For'n Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct. Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,
Grafton and Coos,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

* Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
† Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education.
‡ Also, American Foreign and Christian Union.

TABLE,

Showing the Places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, *and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each Year.*

Years. Places.	Amount.	Years. Places.	Amount.
1801—Hopkinton,	51.63	1835—Plymouth,	7,795.24
1802—Concord,	386.62	1836—Exeter,	4,942.02
1803—Concord,	309.46	1837—Claremont,	5,506.14
1804—Concord,	406.09	1838—New-Ipswich,	5,396.81
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84	1839—Lyme,	4,616.37
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49	1840—Hampton,	4,596.83
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66	1841—Francestown,	5,187.03
1808—Concord,	1,290.48	1842—Dover,	5,361.11
1809—Concord,	735.92	1843—Nashua,	5,780.36
1810—Concord,	1,288.27	1844—Concord (South),	7,582.66
1811—Dunbarton,	958.92	1845—Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1812—Hollis,	1,520.58	1846—Newport,	9,027.15
1813—Plymouth,	932.27	1847—Mered'h Br. (Lacon.)	6,050.51
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90	1848—Manchester, 1st Ch.,	7,720.75
1815—Keene,	2,807.08	1849—Plymouth,	7,010.12
1816—Concord,	2,633.36	1850—Great Falls,	7,868.54
1817—Exeter,	2,395.05	1851—Acworth,	9,948.47
1818—Dover,	2,427.10	1852—Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1819—Haverhill,	2,537.21	1853—Littleton,	10,461.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56	1854—Derry,	8,417.53
1821—New-Ipswich,	1,851.07	1855—Concord, 1st Ch.,	7,992.34
1822—Pembroke,	1,755.18	1856—Exeter, 1st Ch.,	6,690.47
1823—Acworth,	1,846.20	1857—Keene,	8,148.55
1824—Londonderry (Derry)	2,687.44	1858—Hampton,	6,732.26
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09	1859—Boscawen,	8,076.99
1826—Durham,	1,872.07	1860—Claremont,	7,258.60
1827—Rindge,	3,263.65	1861—Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83	1862—Concord, South Ch.,	7,182.49
1829—Newport,	2,416.71	1863—Haverhill,	8,606.57
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86	1864—Manchester,	7,556.61
1831—Concord,	2,371.34	1865—Newport,	8,589.13
1832—Amherst,	5,820.75	1866—Dover,	20,064.51
1833—Keene,	5,067.66	1867—Nashua,	12,068.17
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24	1868—Concord, North Ch.,	11,810.04
Total amount raised in sixty-seven years,			**$822,324.60**

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and, in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES, AUGUST 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry? *
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source, and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appro-

* The answer to this question should include Bank, Railroad, United States and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

priation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of their ratable property, that is, $12.50 on $1,000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary from this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will coöperate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1¼ per cent on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent to one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the Society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, namely,

1. What the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members, male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1, by profession; by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms, infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year, by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath school?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the Trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the Society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.

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All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the Trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

LIFE MEMBERS CONSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR.

Adams, Mrs. Lavina P., Bedford.
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Ballantyne, Sanbornton Bridge.
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Todd, Rev. John, D. D., Pittsfield, Mass.
Tucker, Rev. Wm. H. (A. H. M. S.), Manchester.
Tyler, Jas. (A. H. M. S.), Pelham.
Walker, Mrs. J. B., Concord.
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Wilder, Mrs. Clara, Nashua.
Willard, Dea. Isaac, Orford.
White, Rev. Isaac C., Newmarket.
Woodbury, Mrs. Jessie, Francestown.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT KEENE, AUGUST 24th, 25th AND 26th, 1869,

WITH THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1870.

Annual meeting at Rochester, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1870.

Preacher of the Opening Sermon to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements. (See Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1.)

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be appointed by the Standing Committee of Nominations. (See Art. VII, Sec. 3.

Committee of Arrangements, (Art. VII, Sec. 1,) Rev. A. F. Marsh, Rochester; Rev. H. M. Stone, Laconia; Deacon Melvin, Chester.

Standing Committee of Nominations, (Art. VII, Sec. 3,) Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan; Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme; Rev. A. Tobey, Durham.

Subject of Essay: How much of doctrinal confession should be required as a condition of church membership?—Essayist; Rev. J. A. Leach, Primary; Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Substitute. (Art. VII, Sec. 2—*b*.)

Questions for Discussion. 1. Would the free seat system in our houses of worship, promote the prosperity of our churches?

Persons to lead the discussion: Revs. J. W. Chickering and J. O. Barrows, Primaries; Revs. C. E. Milliken, and G. I. Bard, Substitutes.

2. Should any service take the place of the second sermon, upon the Sabbath?

To lead the discussion: Revs. W. S. Karr and S. L. Blake, Primaries; Revs. J. L. Tomlinson and S. P. Leeds, Substitutes. (Art. VII, Sec. 2—*a*.)

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 26 churches. Meets the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk and Statistical Scribe; George Kingsbury, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Coos, 9 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 22 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. J. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 33 churches; 29 Cong.; 4 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. William Z. Tucker, Manchester, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. William L. Gaylord, Nashua, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 25 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 32 churches. 30 Cong.; 2 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 31 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. C. C. Watson, Dover, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. E. W. Clarke, Claremont, Clerk and Statistical Scribe. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Acworth, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION. *Secretary*, Rev. George M. Adams, Portsmouth. *Statistical Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Warner. *Secretary of Sabbath Schools*, Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions, namely: one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers, and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, the New Hampshire Bible Society, the New Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers and Widows Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. Meeting and Organization. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Secretary of Sabbath Schools, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the times and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools to present a brief annual report, embracing facts and statistics in regard to the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the State, with such recommendations as may be suggested thereby; this report to be open to a general discussion.

5. These Secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

6. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this

body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

7. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associates.

VII. COMMITTEES. 1. At each meeting of the Association a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet, shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the Committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate two questions of religious doctrine or practice for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate two persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each, to be followed by a general discussion; speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprise, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a Standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year, in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This Committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a Committee of Publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees, and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay and discussion thereupon.

2. *Wednesday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegates from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the moderator. The substance only of letters to be communicated, unless of special interest.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Report of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools, to be followed by discussion.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of Question.

3. *Thursday*. 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4 All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional al exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the *Moderator* shall take the chair, call the members to order,

direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely: Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith, sending up *their nominations*, for confirma-

tion, by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the committee on nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New York, in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two-thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire held its Sixtieth Annual Meeting in the house of the First Church in Keene, commencing on Tuesday, August 24, 1869, and was opened with a sermon by Prof. Henry E. Parker, of Dartmouth College, from Heb. 13 : 8.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. M. T. Runnels, Sanbornton ; Rev. J. K. Young, Hopkinton.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. S. L. Gerould, Goffstown.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton ; Rev. William Clark, Amherst.

Hopkinton—Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner ; Rev. S. S. Morrill, Henniker.

Lancaster—Rev. Hugh McLeod, Colebrook.

Monadnock—Rev. J. F. Norton, Fitzwilliam ; Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan ; Rev. A. C. Field, Alstead.

Orange—Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton ; Rev. Asa Mann, Bath.

Sullivan—Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont.

Suncook—

Union—Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough ; Rev. A. Bigelow, Hancock.

White River—Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme.

Piscataqua—Rev. A. B. Peabody, Seabrook ; Rev. A. Toby, Durham ; Rev. Franklin Davis, Newington.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. A. Maynard, Keene ; Dea. J. F. Isham, Alstead ; Dea. Abel Baker, Troy.

Coos—

Grafton—

Hillsborough—Bro. Charles P. Richardson, Mason Village; Bro. Zebadiah Abbot, Wilton; Bro. William D. Locke, New Ipswich.

Merrimack—

Rockingham—Bro. Stephen Brown, Deerfield; Bro. William B. Carleton, Plaistow.

Strafford—

Sullivan—Dea. M. R. Emerson, Claremont.

From Dartmouth College—Rev. Prof. H. E. Parker.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. G. M. Adams, Portsmouth, Secretary.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, Rev. William S. Karr, Pastors First Church, Keene.

Rev. I. W. Chickering, Exeter, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Derry, members of Reporting Committee.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. William H. Dean, from the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, from the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. John W. Mears, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. Prof. H. E. Parker, of Hanover, as Moderator; Rev. D. E. Adams, of Wilton, Scribe; Rev. M. T. Runnels, of Sanbornton, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. W. S. Karr, Rev. C. E. Milliken, and Bro. Zebadiah Abbot, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, Rev. J. M. Stowe, and Dea. A. Maynard, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. George Dustan, Rev. A. Bigelow, and Bro. William D. Locke, Committee of Inquiry.

A letter was read from Rev. William R. Jewett of Fisherville, resigning as Statistical Secretary.

Voted to accept the resignation.

A committee was appointed by the chair to present a resolution of acknowledgement for the service rendered by Bro. Jewett.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

All Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, and all members of such churches present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. H. McLeod, the Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. H. A. Hazen, followed by addresses from Rev. J. F. Norton, on earnest and consecrated labor, and Rev. Z. S. Barstow, especially in reference to Dartmouth College.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Chickering, the Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. E. G. Parsons of Derry, followed by remarks from Rev. George Dustan, Rev. R. M. Sargent of Princeton, Mass., Rev. B. Smith and Rev. William Clark.

Rev. William H. Dean presented the salutations of the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. L. H. Cobb, of the General Convention of Vermont—to which the Moderator felicitously responded.

A letter was read from Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D., presenting the salutations of the General Association of Oregon.

Rev. E. G. Parsons and Rev. George Dustan were appointed a Committee to prepare a report on ministers of this State deceased during the past year, to be presented in print.

Voted to adjourn to 7½ o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After introductory exercises by Rev. L. H. Cobb of Springfield, Vermont, a sermon was preached by Rev. C. Cushing of Boston, from Neh. 3: 28. Showing the duties of Congregationalists to their own churches and denominational institutions.

WEDNESDAY, August 25.

A prayer-meeting was held from eight until nine o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. Tobey of Durham.

Nine o'clock, A M., Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Milliken.

Minutes read and approved.

Voted, That all academic and honorary titles be omitted in the minutes of this body.

Rev. J. K. Young reported on the disposition to be made of the old papers deposited in the archives of the N. H. Historical Society.

Report accepted and adopted.

Listened to reports of delegates to foreign bodies.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Rev. I. Willey spoke in behalf of the N. H. Bible Society; Rev. C. Cushing, in behalf of the American Congregational Union; Rev. Dr. Barrows, in behalf of the Congregational Sabbath School and Publication Society; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the American Tract Society, (N. E. Branch); Rev. Mr. Wilder, a Missionary from Africa, in behalf of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; Rev. C. L. Woodworth, in behalf of the American Missionary Association; Capt. Andrew Bartlett, in behalf of the Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. J. S. Young, in behalf of Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund. The subject of Temperance being introduced by Rev. J. F. Norton.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to present resolutions.

Committee—Rev. J. F. Norton, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. D. E. Adams.

Adjourned to meet in the house of the Second Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Gave place to the Anniversary of the New Hampshire Education Society.

Rev. A. Tobey, Vice President, in the chair.

After singing and prayer, the report of the Secretary, Rev. S. P. Leeds, was read by Rev. H. E. Parker, followed by addresses from Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of American Education Society; Rev. L. H. Cobb, presenting the claims of Kimball Union Academy; Prof. H. E. Parker, and Rev. Z. S. Barstow.

Assembled in the house of the First Church at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Annual Meeting of the Sabbath School Society.

The children occupied the central portion of the house.

After prayer, and singing by the children, addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Gerould, Grout, Karr, Rand, Leach, Hamilton, and Capt. Bartlett. Closed with prayer by Rev. George Dustan.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The following questions presented and discussed:

1. On the relation of Acting Pastor.

Opened by Rev. H. A. Hazen, followed by Rev. Messrs. Batchelder, Norton, Peabody, Tarbox, Sargent, and Smith.

2. On the means of promoting better observance of the Sabbath.

Opened by Rev. S. L. Blake, followed by Rev. Messrs. Clark of Amherst, Clark of Claremont, Duncan, Smith, and Dea. Buffum.

3. On reaching the outlying masses of our population with the gospel.

Opened by Rev. J. W. Chickering of Exeter, followed by Rev. Messrs. Karr, Dustan, Dean, Smith and Dea. Buffum.

A committee, consisting of Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev. E. G. Parsons, and Rev. P. B. Day,—appointed last year to report on improvements in the Constitution and Exercises of this Association,—reported through Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Report accepted.

Voted, To act upon each article of the proposed amendments separately.

After prolonged discussion—

Voted, To adjourn to 9 o'clock, the following morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 26.

Prayer meeting from 8 until 9 o'clock, led by Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Met according to adjournment.

Minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution taken up and adopted.

[The Constitution as amended is published in the Minutes of this year, and the Amendments are therefore omitted here. The amendments relate to Articles II, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII. Their tenor may be seen by comparing the Constitution as published this year and last.]

Report of Committee on Nominations for 1870:

Place of meeting, ~~Rochester.~~ Alton.

Secretary of Sabbath Schools—Rev. George Dustan.

Committee of Nominations—Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan; Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme; Rev. A. Tobey, Durham.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. A. F. Marsh, Rochester; Rev. H. M. Stone, Laconia; Dea. Melvin, Chester.

Essay. "How much of doctrinal confession should be required as a condition of church membership?" Rev. J. A. Leach, *Primary;* Rev. William J. Tucker, *Substitute.*

Discussion. "Would the free seat system in our houses of worship promote the prosperity of our churches?" Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev. C. E. Milliken, Rev. J. O. Barrows, Rev. G. I. Bard.

Discussion. "Should any service take the place of the second sermon upon the Sabbath?" Rev. W. S. Karr, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. J. L. Tomlinson, Rev. S. P. Leeds.

Report adopted.

The Committee appointed to report upon the resignation of Rev. William R. Jewett, as Statistical Secretary, reported as follows:

Rev. William R. Jewett having resigned the office of Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, the Association gratefully acknowledge his faithful service in performing its laborious duties for several years past. We pray the Great Head of the church to raise him up from his present sickness, and continue him in his loved and responsible work of the ministry.

Adopted.

Rev. D. Mears presented the salutations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Temperance presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hereby re-affirm our settled conviction that total abstinence from every thing that can intoxicate is the only true temperance, and that while no moral means should be left untried for the suppression of the liquor traffic, legal prohibition is loudly called for by the highest interests of humanity and religion.

Resolved, That this body approve of a State Constabulary Police, and pledge themselves to its support when brought before the people.

Resolved, That we view with alarm the great increase in the culture and use of tobacco, and earnestly call upon all christian people to do all in their power by precept and example to dissuade our farmers from producing, and our young men, especially, from using this poisonous article.

Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

BODY TO BE VISITED.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, 1870.	PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
General Conference, Maine,	Tuesday before 4th Wednesday in June, (21st) Portland	Rev. Geo. Dustan	Rev. E. B. Claggett
General Convention, Vermont,	Third Tuesday in June, (21st) Montpelier	Pres. Asa D Smith	Rev. J. H. Edwards
General Association, Massachusetts,	Third Tuesday in June, (21st) Taunton	Rev. H. B. Putnam	Rev. W. T. Savage
Congregational Conference, R. I.,	Second Tuesday in June, (14th)	Rev. R. Kimball	Rev. D. D. Tappan
General Association, Connecticut,	Third Tuesday in June, (21st) Meriden	Rev. J. L. Merrill	Rev. E. E. P. Abbott
General Association, New York,	Tuesday, October 18th, Albany	Rev. J. G. Davis	Rev. G. E. Freeman
Congregational Conference, Ohio,	Second Tuesday in June, (14th) Oberlin	Rev. E. C. Cogswell	Rev. W. O. Carr
General Association, Michigan,	Third Wednesday in May, (18th) Grand Rapids	Rev. D. E. Adams	Rev. H. Mead
General Association, Illinois,	Fourth Wednesday in May, (25th) Aurora	Rev. D. E. Adams	Rev. H. Mead
General Association, Indiana,	Third Thursday in May, (19th) Kokomo	Rev. J. Chapman	Rev. L. Z. Ferris
General Association, Iowa,	First Wednesday in June, (1st) Davenport	Rev. S. S. Merrill	Rev. H. Moody
General Association, Kansas,	Second Wednesday in May, (11th) Leavenworth	Rev. L. Brigham	Rev. W. S. Karr
General Association, Nebraska,	Second Thursday in June, (9th)	Rev. L. Brigham	Rev. W. S. Karr
Presbyterian and Congregational Convention, Wisconsin,	First Wednesday in October, (5th)	Rev. A. L. Marden	Rev. Asa Mann
General Congregational Conf., Minn.,	Second Thursday in October, (13th) Northfield	Rev. E. D. Chapman	Rev. A. Tobey
General Congregational Conf., Mo.,	Third Wednesday in October, (19th) St. Louis	Rev. J. W. Chickering	Rev. F. Davis
General Association, California,	Wednesday, October 5th	Rev. J. K. Young	Rev. E. Buxton
Congregational Association, Oregon,	Third Thursday in June, (16th)	Rev. A. Bigelow	Bro. N. Jameson
Ontairo and Quebec Cong. Union,	Wednesday after first Sabbath in June, (8th)	Rev. H. McLeod	Rev. H. V. Emmons
Methodist Episcopal Conference, N. H.	April, Manchester	Rev. E. G. Parsons	Rev. J. Lanman
Baptist Convention, N. H.,	Third Wednesday in October	Rev. J. F. Norton	Rev. J. A. Leach
Free-Will Baptist Y. M., N. H.,	April	Rev, J. O. Barrows	Rev. A. B Peabody
General Assembly, Presbyterian,	Third Tuesday in May, (17th)	Rev. H. M. Stone	Rev. C. Burnham

N. B. For fuller information of places of meeting, see *Congregational Quarterly* for January.

Voted, That the Statistical Secretary be requested to collect the statistics of the District Associations, embracing the place and time of collegiate and theological study and the date of ordination, and publish them in the Minutes of 1870, and every third year thereafter.

Voted, That the sermon before communion be dispensed with this year, neither Primary nor Substitute being present.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Warner, was elected Statistical Secretary and Treasurer; L. D. Stevens, Esq., was chosen Auditor.

At 10 o'clock, the Association gave way to the New Hampshire Missionary Society

NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. B. P. Stone presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. William H. Dean, of Connecticut.

The Treasurer's report was presented.

Accepted and adopted.

Abstracts of the Annual Report of the Secretary were read, followed by addresses from Rev. D. E. Adams of Wilton, Rev. S. L. Gerould of Goffstown, Rev. William A. Rand of South Seabrook, and Rev. J. A. Hamilton.

The Association having resumed business—

Voted, That $200.00 be raised to pay expenses for the current year.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the General Association of New Hampshire return their thanks to the Committee of Arrangements for their thoughtful attentions; to the First and Second Congregational Churches and Societies of Keene, for their generous hospitality, and to the Cheshire Railroad who have kindly furnished return passes to the members of the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the moderator for the eminent ability with which he has conducted the business of this Association.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, P. M.

At 2 o'clock, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was ad-

ministered.—Rev. George Dustan of Peterborough, and Rev. J. F. Norton of Fitzwilliam, officiating at the table.

The Association adjourned *sine die*.

H. E. PARKER, *Moderator*.

D. E. ADAMS, *Scribe*.

M. T. RUNNELS, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The report of the state of religion will consist mainly of the several reports from the conferences, with such condensation as may seem desirable.

The condition of the twenty-six churches in *Cheshire Conference* is reported better than last year. The Church in Swanzey are encouraged more than they have been for several years. Winchester has contributed to charitable objects three times more than the year before, besides raising money for repairs on the parsonage and for a cabinet organ. In Keene, the First Parish have a parsonage. The Second Parish have raised twenty-five thousand dollars towards their new meeting house, and contributed to benevolent objects, outside of Keene, more than double that of any other congregation in the Conference. The seats in the new house are to be free. The parish, or legal society, is composed of church members.

Almost every church in the Conference reports some conversions and additions, and several of them have had notable experience of the Divine favor in both these respects. The Second Keene reports thirty conversions and twenty added by profession, making fifty-three by profession since its organization, less than two years since, and Marlboro' thirty conversions and forty added by profession, and First Keene fifteen by profession. The churches in Winchester, Troy, Swanzey and Hinsdale report conversions and additions by profession. Four of the churches in this Conference have no minister, three of these no preaching. Rev. S. P. Cooke was settled over the Marlboro' church in June.

Coos Conference, no report.

Grafton Conference numbers twenty-two churches, one less than last year. Hill, by act of the Legislature, is in another county. The churches of Bridgewater, Dorchester and Thornton, have, in the aggregate, twenty-six members, fifteen of whom are absent. Out of a membership of about two thousand in this Conference, four hundred and seventy-five are absent, nearly one-fourth. Five churches are without ministers.

The church at Lebanon has enjoyed the special presence of the spirit. Thirty-nine have been received on profession. The churches of West Lebanon and Danbury shared largely in the same blessing. Some religious interest also in Haverhill and Bath.

Rev. Liba Conant, after earnest labor with the churches of Hebron and Groton for twenty-four years, has retired from active service. Dr. E. A. Lawrence has closed his labors at Orford, and Rev. Horace Pratt at Orfordville.

The church at Haverhill have secured the services of Rev. E. H. Greeley; that of Hebron, the services of Rev. G. Butterfield, and that of Groton, those of Rev. A. M. Fiske, for six months from June.

The church at Plymouth have made extensive repairs on their house of worship, and have also called Mr. Cyrus Richardson, of the last class of Andover, to be their pastor, which call he has accepted.

Hillsboro' Conference. Material prosperity, generally, reported. The Churches in Amherst, Merrimack, Olive Street and Pearl Street in Nashua, Temple and New Boston, have repaired their houses of worship, and the First Church in Nashua built a chapel.

The church in Mason Village has been presented with a fine parsonage, and those in Lyndeborough and Franklin Street in Manchester, have increased the salaries of their pastors, while those in Merrimack and Milford, and the Pearl Street in Nashua, have each purchased a new organ.

Two deaths have occurred, those of Rev. J. H. Manning of Brookline, and Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., of Hollis.

Rev. Arthur Little has been dismissed from the Presbyterian Church in Bedford, and succeeded by Rev. Ira C. Tyson.

Rev. S. L. Gerould has been installed over the church in Goffstown. Rev. T. P. Sawin has closed his labors with the City Mission Church in Manchester. Rev. C. L. Hubbard has been ordained at Merrimack; Rev. Geo. E. Freeman at Milford. Rev. E. C. Hooker has been dismissed from the First Church in Nashua on account of ill health, and is soon to be succeeded by Rev. Frederick Alvord of Darien, Conn.

Bennington, Brookline, Hillsborough Bridge, Litchfield, South Merrimack, and First Church in Nashua, are without pastors.

Prayer meetings are generally sustained with the usual interest, and in some cases with increased attendance.

In two places, viz.: Nashua and Wilton, Young Men's Christian Associations have been formed, and the churches in Amherst and Mount Vernon report prayer meetings in outlying districts, supported by the lay members of the churches.

Mention is made of special religious awakening, and a condition of anxious expectancy, without any apparent results in the conversion of sinners in Amherst, Francestown, Hollis, and Pearl Street in Nashua.

The only revival reported is that which, originating in the week of prayer, was for several months in progress in New Boston, the blessed effects of which still abide in that community.

Merrimack Conference. The churches of Merrimack County have none of them enjoyed any powerful revival during the year, but several had some increase of interest in the past winter. A few report increased attendance upon public worship; some, enlargement of their Sabbath schools, and others, greater interest in the Sabbath school work.

The West and South churches in Concord, and the church in Salisbury, have installed pastors; at East Concord and Henniker they have secured acting pastors. The First and South Churches in Concord, and the church in Chichester have purchased new organs.

The First and West churches in Concord, and those in Hopkinton and Warner, have improved their houses of worship. The churches in Henniker, Pittsfield and Salisbury report some special religious interest and several conversions without having experienced what may properly be called a revival.

At Andover, where there has been a Congregational church, nearly extinct, a new society has been organized within the year, including some thirty families, a Sabbath school started and a stated supply of the pulpit secured. This new enterprise is at present flourishing, and gives prospect of growth and permanency.

At Bradford the old church is a desolation, and the past year there has been no evangelical preaching in the township. Some effort is, however, being made to establish a new enterprise at the Railroad Station which, it is hoped, may restore Congregational preaching to this people once more.

Of the remaining churches of this county, Canterbury reports decline and no resident minister; Dunbarton and Pembroke a loss of paying property; Hooksett, great need of male members in the church; Loudon, a feeble and destitute condition, greatly needing a minister willing to work hard, with small salary, looking unto Jesus for reward. The church in Tilton reports quite a temperance revival, and that in Webster declares itself "getting on quietly with good degree of prosperity," but no additions the past year.

These two points seem prominent in the reports from the churches of this county:

1. Increased interest in the Sabbath school work.

2. Almost general lack of special manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence.

To know the first is pleasant, but where is the sad cause of the other to be found? and what the remedy?

Rockingham Conference. The year has been marked by the general absence of revivals in most of the churches. A very precious awakening, however, has been enjoyed in Portsmouth, commencing about the beginning of the year. Near-

ly fifty conversions are reported. The labors of the private members of the church had much to do in securing this result. An interesting conversion is reported in Stratham, and another in Auburn, with other tokens of increased religious interest.

The reports on temperance are various in their nature. In most places the cause is in about the same condition as reported last year. In Raymond an advance has been made. In other towns the progress has been in the wrong direction.

Benevolent contributions in most of the churches have been increased. Sabbath schools and Sabbath school concerts are for the most part spoken of as being in a prosperous condition. In some of them there has been an increase of numbers. Everywhere the Sabbath school concerts appear to offer special attractions to the communities in which they are held, and in some instances are more largely attended than the ordinary meetings of the Sabbath. In Plaistow this concert takes the place of the ordinary afternoon service once a month.

In Greenland, an organization has been formed by the female members of the church, for Christian work. They propose to visit every family in town, and invite all who now stay away, to church and to Sabbath school. Already they have accomplished much good. Their example is commended to the favorable consideration and imitation of the sisters in all the churches.

Rev. James Holmes has been dismissed from his charge in Auburn, and is succeeded by Rev. J. S. Armes, and Rev. L. S. Parker is dismissed from the First Church in Derry.

A church edifice has been erected in South Seabrook, to complete which additional funds are needed.

Strafford Conference. Two pastors have been dismissed: Rev. A. S. Walker from the First Church in Dover, and Rev. R. M. Sargent from the church in Farmington. Five acting pastors have closed their labors with the following churches: Rev. J. S. Armes, at Barrington; Rev. R. Kimball, at Conway; Rev. M. Moore, at Lee; Rev. T. N. Lord, at Ossipee Centre; and Rev. S. Clark, at Wolfeborough.

Four churches have received acting pastors: Conway, E. P. Eastman, licentiate; Ossipee, Rev. D. S. Hibbard; Effingham, Rev. R. Kimball; Wolfeborough, Rev. L. Thompson.

The churches in Farmington, Rochester, Belknap and Dover, have experienced a powerful work of grace, and have been greatly enlarged and strengthened. The same is true, to some extent, of the churches in Laconia and Meredith Village. Lee, though in its infancy, reports eighteen added.

Benevolent contributions less than last year, if the Woodman legacy ($6,500) is not reckoned.

Sabbath schools in good condition,—especially those in Rochester, Lee, Belknap and Somersworth. This last has a library of one thousand volumes.

Sullivan Conference. The churches of this Conference have some of them been much blessed during the year past. Newport enjoys a state of general prosperity, and a very flourishing condition of the Sunday school. There has been much religious awakening in the town, and the Congregational church has shared in the good work with the others. They have remodeled and repaired their house of worship at a cost of about $7000; putting in a new and beautiful organ, and changing the form of the pews from square to circular; twelve new sheds for carriages have been built at a cost of $400, and a debt of $200 on the parsonage paid, sums not included in the $7000.

Acworth has lost during the year, by death and dismission, six members, and none have been received. To indicate the draft made on the church, by emigration, the records show that during the three years past, seventeen have been dismissed to other churches, and only four received by letter. The Sabbath services have been well attended, and the prayer meetings of more than usual interest, and the Sunday school prosperous.

Claremont has a new organ. The religious meetings are well attended. A Sabbath school teacher's class, numbering about forty, has been conducted by the pastor during the year, using the lesson papers in the National Sunday School Teacher, and has proved of great interest and value.

A Young Men's Christian Association, embracing members of all the Evangelical societies, except the Episcopalian, has been formed, and is now in successful operation, holding meetings in outlying districts, and awakening an unusual degree of religious interest. At some of their neighborhood meetings from twelve to sixteen have risen to be prayed for, and quite a number of conversions is reported.

Plainfield has enjoyed pulpit ministrations during the year, and the Sunday school is continued. Six members of the church have died since the 20th of last November, all of them over 65 years of age. Only three have been added during the year.

Croyden church enjoyed some revival last autumn, under the labors of Mr. William A. Spaulding of Bangor Theological Seminary. A Sunday school was gathered, and some souls renewed in righteousness. Since then, two of their most efficient members have removed from town.

Cornish has been blessed above all our churches. More religious reviving than has been for thirty years has been enjoyed there. After the week of prayer, special religious meetings were held, and the whole people were moved. Many were heard saying, "What must I do to be saved?" And the glad news of salvation was joyfully heard and received. As a result, twenty-three were added to the church by profession the 2d of May, and more are expected to come forward and join the people of God. Three years ago there were but thirty-three resident members of the church, and many of them advanced in years, and the people, generally, felt well nigh discouraged. Now, joy and hope prevail. The resident membership is more than doubled. The larger part of the congregation are professed Christians, and nine-tenths of the whole congregation are connected with the Sunday school. A new bell has been procured.

In Goshen, Rev. E. J. Whittemore, who has just been ordained over the Baptist church there, preaches half the time in the Congregational meeting-house, the two societies harmoniously uniting to pay the salary. The union is necessary

and pleasant. One has been united to the church, by profession, during the year.

Rev. B. Howe remains another year with the First Church in Lempster, and they are reasonably prosperous, with some earnest workers for Christ among them. Spiritualism has quite a hold in that region. Of the other churches, no particular reports have been received.

The number added to our churches by profession, is 542; by letter, 307; total, 849. The number removed by death, 381; dismission, 397; exclusion, 23; total, 801; making the net aggregate 18,946.

Benevolent contributions, $40,745.72; being $5,574.72 more than last year.

The members of the Sabbath schools number 23,759.

Some pleasing references are made to faithful christian labors, with their gracious results, on the part of the lay members of the churches, and particularly to the personal efforts of christian women. Nothing can be plainer than the high privilege and duty of every follower of Christ to be a laborer together with God, and to do in earnest whatsoever his or her hand findeth to do, in every department of christian effort. Labor is the universal producer of wealth, and spiritual riches are not an exception. If we would abound in these gifts, or lay up treasure in heaven, we must work for these ends, and the harder we work, if with the wisdom which is from above, the more certain we may be that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

E. G. PARSONS, *for the Committee.*

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Amos Blanchard died in Barnet, Vt., January 6, 1869, aged 68. He was son of Joel and Rebecca (George) Blanchard, and was born in Peacham, Vt., September 8, 1800. After an apprenticeship to the printing business, at twenty-one he began academic studies, and graduated from the Semi-

nary at Andover, in 1828; was ordained by the Presbytery of Cincinnati, July 27, 1831. In August, 1832, he became pastor of the Congregational Church in Lyndon, Vt.; was dismissed in 1835, spent some time at the west, and was installed pastor of the church in Warner, February 15, 1837. Removing from here in December, 1839, he was installed at Meriden, January 8, 1840, where he remained twenty-five years, being dismissed October 4, 1865.

Mr. Blanchard "was a forcible preacher, a faithful and efficient pastor, and a genial man, though not without some of the austerity of manner which characterized the ministry of the old school." He published "The Nature and Extent of the Atonement," 1831; "A Sermon on the State of the Times," 1837; "A sermon at the funeral of Rev. Benjamin Burge," 1848; "Love of Home, its Influence on Religious Character," 1853; "Christian Courtesy," 1858.

Rev. Benjamin F. Foster died at Dummerston, Vt., November 2, 1868. He was born in Hanover, N. H., June 16, 1803, a son of Richard and Esther (Jewell) Foster; graduated at Amherst College in 1829, read theology with Rev. Silas M. Keen, D. D., of Bradford, Vt., and was ordained as an Evangelist at Amoskeag, (Manchester), N. H., March, 1832, where he was then preaching. He was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Salisbury, N. H., November 13, 1833; and dismissed, on account of ill health, July 23, 1846; was installed at Dummerston, Vt., September, 1846, and remained pastor in that place until December, 1867, when his increasing infirmities obliged him to retire. From the effects of illness, and perhaps from constitutional traits, "he was often depressed, and easily overcome and discouraged by the cares of the ministry, and thought little of himself and his productions." But there was, nevertheless, "a vein of cheerfulness in his life that made him always companionable, and his home a welcome place for his friends." "He preached plainly, earnestly and ably. His christian character was solid and reliable. He was found generally at the foot of the cross, pleading for mercy as a sinner. He

was blessed with revivals in both of his fields of labor. The one in Salisbury was of great interest, and added largely to the church. He died trusting in the Saviour, whom he had preached for thirty-seven years,—the *only* Saviour of sinners and *all sufficient*."

Mr. Foster was twice married: April 29, 1832, to Miss Ruth H. Kimball, of Orange, N. H.; July, 1846, to Mrs. Mary C. Perry of Manchester, N. H., who survives him.

Rev. GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, who died in Bradford, Mass., February 2, 1869, was born in Lebanon, N. H., in 1794, a son of Alexander and Ruth (Johnson) Campbell. He graduated at Union College in 1820, and at Princeton in 1823, and was ordained at South Berwick, Maine, November 17, 1824, colleague pastor with Rev. John Thompson. He was afterwards pastor of the Second Church in Millbury, Mass.; and minister at Bradford, Vt.; and was installed pastor at Newbury, Vt., January 27, 1836, where he remained till July 9, 1850. Removing to Haverhill, he was occupied, a considerable part of two years, preaching at Fisherville, N. H., and at Port Mills and Fairlee, Vt.; and after he made his home in Bradford, Mass., June 1, 1853, he preached at Wolfeborough, N. H., one year; Kensington, N. H., two years, and in Mechanics' Falls, Bristol and Wells, in the State of Maine. He published a dedication sermon, 1840; an ordination sermon, 1847. He married Serena J. Williams of Kennebunk, Maine, by whom he had five daughters.

Rev. JOHN H. MANNING, who died in Brookline, N. H., August 19, 1869, was born at Andover, Mass., the son of Thomas and Sarah Manning. He was fitted for college at Phillips Academy, but did not pursue his studies further in consequence of the delicate state of his health and other overruling circumstances. This disappointment was a severe trial to his sensitive nature. "It was not pride or ambition, but a burning desire to be fitted for the highest usefulness in the world, which it was such a pain to him to relinquish." There followed "years of severe and varied affliction in which the graces of unconscious christian character were largely de-

veloped and conspicuously manifested. At length, by a remarkable train of providential circumstances, he was led to resume study for the ministry." A friend in Andover adds this further grateful testimonial: "Mr. Manning was a man of unusual refinement of nature, of rare mental endowments, of eminent piety and of rich experience. He was a bright and shining light in the church here, of which he was many years a member, and his influence, both here and elsewhere, has been a lasting blessing to many souls."

Mr. Manning was regarded at Andover, "one of the strongest men of his class." He graduated in 1864; was called soon after to settle in the ministry at Ashby, Mass., but was unable to accept in consequence of the recurrence of the severe illness, "acute mania," from which he had suffered in the years before, and which afterwards terminated his earthly life. He went south and was employed as a Home Missionary at Chattanooga, and, returning, was ordained pastor of the church at Brookline, March 6, 1867. He had many special qualifications for the ministry. He had "a genial, elastic, joyous temper; was chastened and eminently sympathetic, trusting and hopeful." He was a sound scholar and had great respect for true scholarship in others; searched the Scriptures in the original tongues; was acquainted with books and the right use of them. He was naturally possessed of a good understanding and of more than average talents, and particularly of that common sense which judges correctly of common things. Moreover his mind was of a philosophical cast, and must inquire into the reasons of things and search to the bottom of alleged facts and principles. The logical faculty was in him well developed, which led to method in thought and in the presentation of the subjects of thought to other minds. Hence "the distinctness of his themes and the subordination of the parts to one end in his arrangements. He was, therefore, an instructive preacher, giving weighty thoughts in a lucid arrangement and in fitting words." He had broad views of the ministerial office, and of the influence it should exert on all the interests of society.

He appreciated the claims of christian charities, schools and public affairs, and gave to them his well considered and cordial support. He was taken from earth in the midst of his years and usefulness, but his usefulness continues in his heavenly life and all the more doubtless from the gracious result of the painful discipline he suffered here.

Mr. Manning was married to Miss Lois Ann Batchelder of North Reading, Mass.

Rev. Pliny B. Day, D. D., died in Hollis, July 6, 1869. Dr. Day was born in Huntington, Mass., April 21, 1806. He was the son of Plin and Deborah Butts Day. "He had always been a thoughtful, studious boy, most obedient and tender in his devotion to his parents," and in these respects, as in others, the boy made the man. He became connected with the church in early life; graduated at Amherst in 1834, and at Andover in 1837, and was settled in the ministry October 4, 1837, over the First Congregational Church in Derry, of which he was the first minister. Here he remained, enjoying several seasons of precious revival and ingathering, till the fall of 1850, when he resigned his pastorate and sought restoration of health and strength by change and rest and travel. The result of this temporary relief from care and recreation in new scenes, proved the wisdom of such a course.

On his return from abroad, he was enabled to accept a call from the people of Hollis, and was installed at that place pastor of the Congregational Church, July 7, 1852, and continued in that relation till his death. Here also he was blessed with much of the Divine favor in his ministry. While at Derry he had much responsibility and useful agency, as one of the Trustees of Pinkerton Academy. In 1863 he was elected a Trustee of Dartmouth College, and in 1865 was honored by that Institution with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Education, in all its branches, was among the things most cherished by him. In all his official relations, he was wise, faithful and efficient. His influence as a christian minister, and as a friend and supporter of all good aims

and enterprises, will long survive him. Dr. Day had natural endowments, which, enforced by industry, method and culture, fitted him for his career. Among these "His heart overflowing with human sympathy," was by no means the least in importance and efficacy.

Dr. Day was married to Miss Emily Haskell, of Rockport, Mass., October 22, 1839. She died in 1850. In 1852, September 8, he was married to Miss Mary Bliss Chapin, in Springfield, Mass.

It is understood that a sermon recently preached at Hollis, in commemoration of Dr. Day, is to be published. It was prepared by a sympathetic and every way competent hand, and will be gladly sought for by his numerous friends.

Rev. Moses Kimball was born in Hopkinton, July 24, 1799, where he passed his childhood; his father dying when he was only a few weeks old, leaving his widow with five children, three of whom became ministers of the gospel. His mother having married again removed to Grantham, where he lived with his father-in-law and worked on a farm. But wishing to enjoy better advantages for improvement, he gathered up all his worldly goods in a bundle, and walked to Concord, where he served an apprenticeship to the printing business in the office of the late George Hough. While in this office, he became interested in religion and united with the Congregational Church, in Concord, under the pastoral care of Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D. He now resolved to prepare for the ministry, and laid aside some of his earnings for that purpose. He fitted for college at the Academy in Bradford, Mass., and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1826. After a year spent in teaching, he entered the Theological Seminary, at Andover, and graduated in 1830. His first settlement was over the Congregational Church in West Randolph, Vt., where he was ordained January 27, 1831, and dismissed November 26, 1833. During his brief ministry here, he received nearly seventy persons into the church, the fruits of an interesting revival. His next settlement was in Hopkinton, his native town, where he was installed May 7,

1834, and after a ministry of about twelve years, was dismissed July 25, 1846. During his pastorate in Hopkinton, he experienced four seasons of revival and received one hundred and sixteen to the church by profession. Soon after his dismission, he received and declined a call from the Congregational church in Salisbury. February 25, 1847, he was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Tewksbury, Mass., and dismissed May 15, 1849. In July, 1850, he returned to Vermont, and became acting pastor of the Congregational Church at Weathersfield, Bow and Ascutneyville. At the end of fifteen years, he closed his labors at the Bow, and continued to supply half the time at Ascutneyville, about two years longer, when he removed to East Haverhill, Mass., and became the stated supply of the Congregational Church in that place. Here, on the 17th of September, 1868, in the midst of his labors and an affectionate people, without a groan or consciousness of suffering, he suddenly passed away to his rest.

Mr. Kimball was married soon after his settlement in Randolph, to a daughter of the late Benjamin Bartlett, Esq., a Haverhill sheriff of Essex county. She survives him. He was a man of talents, above mediocrity. His theology was Calvinistic, of the old school type in the New England sense. He was an eminent and effective preacher, and a kind and faithful pastor.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire, in Annual Session at Keene—to the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches sendeth greeting:

Dearly Beloved: At the meeting of this Association in Keene, in 1815, a committee was appointed "to prepare an address to the churches." That address, published in the Minutes of 1816, was the first of a series which for fifty-four

successive years has gone out from this body to you. In them various questions of doctrine and duty, the aspects of the times and the life of the churches, have been brought to your notice. The subject of that first letter was one, the permanent importance of which, claims for it a frequent examination; and many signs of the times bid us now to recur to it, and invite your attention to the question of the ministerial supply of these churches in the future; what are its aspects, and what your own responsibilities, in reference to it?

A glance at the Triennial Catalogue of Dartmouth College may bring the subject naturally before us, and will be timely, in view of the fact that this is the centennial year of our honored college, whose relations to the churches of New Hampshire are in many ways so intimate and vital.

The proportion of the graduates, who have entered the ministry at different times, is instructive; and arranging the classes in periods of ten years, the following table gives the results:

Period.	Years.	Whole No.	Ministers.	Per Cent.
1	1771–80	99	48	49
2	1781–90	186	74	40
3	1791–1800	361	94	26
4	1801–10	337	68	20
5	1811–20	336	111	33
6	1821–30	340	108	32
7	1831–40	409	127	31
8	1841–50	572	115	20
9	1851–60	573	92	16
Whole No.	1771–1860	3213	837	26

The statistics of the classes since 1860, would be too imperfect to add to the completeness of the table. It will be seen that the clerical graduates have slightly exceeded one-fourth of the whole number; but in the earlier years, it often happened that more than half of the then smaller classes became ministers. The two members of the class of 1772, seven of the eleven members of the class of 1775, and thir-

teen of the seventeen members of the class of 1784, gave themselves to this work. About the beginning of the present century the proportion became smaller, but rose again in the next decade, under the influence of the revivals of the period, and the extending interest felt in the Home and Foreign Missionary work. Twenty of the forty-two members of the class of 1817, and one-half of the thirty-six and forty members, respectively, of the classes of 1826 and 1828, became ministers, while to the class of 1823 belongs the distinction of giving to the churches twenty-three ministers, a larger number than any other class, and more than half of its whole number. The proportion is fairly maintained from 1830 to 1840, but in the last two decades it shows a serious decline, coming down to less than one in six from 1850 to 1860.

We do not forget that Dartmouth College is not our only source of ministerial supply, and its catalogue is not to be taken as an exact account of the matter before us. But we believe that it is sufficiently accurate for our present purpose, and its lessons as near to the truth as we can well come. Probably the wide fields abroad draw upon the clerical graduates of Dartmouth more than New Hampshire can lay the graduates of other colleges under contribution to her needs, and therefore the inferences drawn from her catalogue would be more favorable than the real facts in the case would warrant. It is to be remembered, too, that the change in proportion between the clerical and other graduates of the college, does not imply an equal change in the relation they bear to the whole population, or to the spiritual needs of the State. For it is in part explained by the fact, that larger numbers in other professions and walks in life, are securing a collegiate education now, than were able or felt the need to do so seventy-five years ago.

But, with every such allowance, the suggestions of these figures, as to the growing deficiency in the ministerial supply, do undoubtedly claim the attention of our churches. We are not training our young men for the pastoral work as

rapidly as time and death are removing the fathers from us. Our own wants are not diminishing and the Macedonian call from other parts of our land and from other lands, is constantly more loud and serious; yet the number of young men who respond to it in our churches is declining. If the process goes on, the results must be disastrous. Our waste places will multiply, instead of diminishing; and the increasing difficulty, which the churches will find in securing pastoral service, will gradually transfer one and another to the list of the destitute and the dying. Instead of lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, our Zion will be engaged in the more and more hopeless struggle to hold the ground once possessed, and much of her power for good, at home and abroad, will be taken away.

If we would be faithful, in the stewardship which Christ has committed to us, we must not fold our hands, and await the gradual, stealthy approach of results like these; but we must gird ourselves to the most practical and prayerful efforts to avert them. We cannot trust to the working of the "law of demand and supply," to meet our necessities; for often, where the need is greatest, the demand is the least, and spiritual need must furnish the controlling motive of christian endeavor. China needs missionaries of the gospel; but there is no existing demand for them, raised by the perishing millions there, and tending to call forth its own supply. Only the spirit of love to Christ, glowing in the hearts of his followers, and leading them forth in imitation of his own heavenly mission, will ever give the gospel to the millions of Chinamen; and if New Hampshire is to have, in coming years, the men she needs to preach Christ, on our hill sides and in our valleys, they must be sought in the blessing of God, upon intelligent and faithful labors directed expressly to this end of raising them up. How shall they be secured? What have the churches to do?

We may answer the question in part by recurring to words of the fathers, already alluded to; words not less fundamental in the discussion, or less appropriate, than they were fifty-four years ago.

They specify three ways in which the churches can especially aid in furnishing a larger supply of preachers of the gospel.

"In the first place," they say, "you can unite in prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest; with Him is the residue of the Spirit and he has all hearts in his hand. By his grace he can sanctify a multitude of young men and dispose them to consecrate themselves to his service in the gospel ministry. * * Never cease praying for this, while a single district or congregation shall be without a gospel minister."

"In the second place, you can ascertain who have hopeful piety and promising talents for the work. Inquiry must be made for such persons, that they may be brought forward and educated for the ministry. If either of you have a son of such promise, let him cheerfully be given to the Lord for this purpose," and more of the same import is added.

"In the third place—you can aid in furnishing the means for educating young men for the ministry. If you have a son to be educated for the work you can afford him the assistance which is in your power. If you have none, you can aid in educating others who need charitable assistance. Of such there are many, and it is a duty and a privilege to aid them in preparing to serve the Lord in holy things. * * Let this object be constantly in view and receive your warm and generous support."

To these suggestions of the fathers we may properly add, two or three were especially commended to you by later and present experience.

1. The churches may do much to increase the supply of ministers by cherishing their college and cultivating healthful and vital relations with it. Dartmouth College is the child of faith and prayer and belongs to the churches. The foremost desire of its founders was to make it a powerful instrument in advancing Christ's kingdom. They builded, too, more wisely than they knew; and it has been for these hundred years, on the whole, true to its mission. Its great

work, we need not hesitate to affirm, has been the training of young men for the service of the church, and all its contributions to other professions, to science, to literature, to philosophy, and other humanities, have been secondary.

But the amount of benefit which the churches receive from the college and its rate of ministerial production, must be measured very exactly by the intimacy of the relationship existing between them. The college must be inspired and borne up by the faith and prayers of the churches. You must feel that she belongs to you; you must cherish, guard and strengthen her, as your own property and handmaid. With a friendly jealousy you must ward off every influence which might separate or alienate, and permit no possibility of such a lapse from the faith and the life of the churches, as has befallen the most venerable institution of a sister State. You may assist in needful endowments; you can complete and multiply the proposed county and other scholarships in aid of pious young men; and in many ways you may bind the college so fast to yourselves, that no enlargement of its plans or resources, such as we trust the coming year have in store, shall abate by one iota what the college is to you, or you are to her. See to it that the atmosphere of Dartmouth is constantly and thoroughly charged with the life and piety of the churches, and you will do much to ensure the consecration of your young men to the work of preaching Christ; and to secure the devout, intelligent and faithful ministers you will need to man your own pulpits and answer the various calls of Providence upon you. Let the coming century be thus made even more fruitful than the past, of those gracious influences in which the churches and the college may alike rejoice.

2. The churches may do something to win pious young men to the ministry, by cherishing with greater care the faith of the fathers, in the dignity and permanence of the pastoral office, and checking the tendency to a loose and insecure relation between the church and its minister. In raising this point, we do not forget that the times change, and, to a cer-

tain extent, we wisely and necessarily change with them. We do not stand with reverted gaze, sighing for a past which cannot return; a past, when the minister who was not settled for life was an exception, and every child in the streets stood in trembling care, with a bow or courtesy as the dominie passed by.

But few thoughtful men will question that we have gone to an unhealthy extreme in the opposite direction. The pastorate is even becoming the exception in New Hampshire, our minutes for the last two years reporting more stated supplies than pastors, and there is an uncomfortable element of truth in the reproach that we are tending towards the itineracy of our Methodist brethren. This tendency robs the ministry of something of its character, its usefulness and its attractiveness to young men. Fruits so rich and ripe as those that cluster around a ministry like that of the honored father, for so many years the pastor of this church in Keene, and others with which our State has been blessed, form a special inspiration, and to cut off the hope of them, is to turn many worthy young men from the ministry.

3. The churches may win young men to the ministry and guard against an inadequate supply of their future needs, by advancing to a higher and juster standard of ministerial support. This is not the time or place for any extended discussion of the question, here suggested, and we have no disposition to invite you to a new chapter of "Shady-Side" literature. But the times, through which we are passing, claim for this subject your most serious attention; and that, not on account of its own gravity alone, but for its bearing on the supply of ministers hereafter.

Many young men are deterred from giving themselves to this life-work, by their knowledge of the inadequate support they would be likely to receive. They witness the constant struggle to which many a faithful pastor is subjected, to keep the wolf from the door; the effort, often so nearly hopeless, to maintain his family and educate his children, in such a manner as not to impair their self respect, or rob them of

their rightful claims on the husband and father. They see many a minister, constrained to go to this warfare, at his own charges, by drawing upon some private patrimony, or the generosity of friends, or by turning aside to other labors, to eke out a scanty salary. And, remembering that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that Christ's followers should bear one another's burdens, a sense of the injustice and wrong of the state of things in many of the churches, turns them away from a service to which they would otherwise gladly devote themselves. It will not do to say that a true man would not be influenced by such considerations. With life opening before him, and many avenues of labor, usefulness, and success inviting him to enter, to suppose that young men, and worthy men too, will not feel the force of such influences, is to think them more than human; and the churches have no right to subject them to such an ordeal in the decision.

We ask for no more than is christian and just. We desire no such scale of ministerial compensation as shall make the office a temptation to the avaricious or the lazy. But the danger does not now lie that way, and we cannot be in error in thinking that this subject claims the most serious attention of the churches. The salaries of their ministers, never over liberal, have not, with here and there an honorable exception, been raised as much as the prices of almost all commodities, and the necessary expenses of living have advanced during the last ten years. They are, too often, not commensurate with the actual ability or duty of the churches, in rendering what is just and equal to those who serve them in the Lord. And many young men are lost to the ministry because this state of things exist.

We commend the whole subject, with these suggestions, anew to your prayerful and earnest attention. May the God of all grace give you wisdom and fidelity, and reward your well-directed efforts, by raising up for you a generation of ministers, more abundantly furnished in mind and heart for their great work, than any who now serve you or have ever done so in the past.

REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The reluctance of christian young men to enter the ministry is a matter for careful consideration, and prompt action, on the part of the church of God. First of all, doubtless, the prayer should be offered, which our Lord Himself has taught us, "that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." But this must not be all, and will not be all if we are in earnest. Christian people must turn the thoughts of religious young men to this subject. The question of duty for such, must not always be allowed to take the form, "Why should I be a minister of the Gospel?" It should often be compelled to take the form, "Why should I *not* be a minister of the Gospel?" "I, a young man, renewed by the exceeding abundant grace of our Lord, with gifts and opportunities which warrant the question, why should I not preach my Saviour's gospel?" Especially should this be pressed home upon those who have already entered upon a course of study, or have even reached college, but whose choice of a profession is not yet made. Let their friends who have influence over them kindly urge the matter upon their attention. If many, as no doubt will be or ought to be the case, shall decide upon some other vocation, many others will decide upon the ministry.

Pastors can do much in this thing. If each would preach a sermon annually, a sermon *this year*, upon the claims of the ministry, much would be accomplished. Let those claims, indeed, be presented in a discriminating manner. It cannot justly be affirmed, and ought not even to seem to be affirmed, that there are no other paths of usefulness than this. The grand inquiry is to be: "Lord, *what* wilt Thou have me to do?" But, as aiding one to determine the answer to that question, let the blessedness of the ministerial work and the

need of laborers in the harvest-field be plainly and fully set forth. Let Christ's ambassadors bear their cheerful testimony to the excellence of their calling. We hear much of the sufferings of ministers; though less perhaps than may be supposed, from ministers themselves. But on such an occasion as that of which we speak, let the other side be exhibited, and the joys and the reward of a devoted pastor be depicted out of the fullness of a grateful and loving heart.

It is most true, and we cannot safely forget it, that the *great* thing to be gained is the quickening of our piety. No efforts for the increase of the ministry will, in the end, accomplish much that is desirable, without this. We cannot expect young men to enter it in greatly increased number, except as their piety is deepened; and we cannot expect that their piety will be deepened except as that of christians generally shall be. But, while remembering this, let us not neglect to use those special efforts which the case demands. Who shall say that one chief means of deepening the piety of christians generally may not be an earnest and hearty and frequent presentation of the claims of the gospel-ministry upon the church's young men? We need in them a heroism like that which but recently took so many of them to the camp and the battle-field; and when we appeal to them for manifestations of this spirit, will not others feel the force of the appeal? And when we present "the constraining love of Christ" in order to call forth such manifestations, will not other hearts than their's be moved by the story of that love?

And yet, suffer us to repeat that the grand thing is the quickening of piety in our membership generally; and this to be secured by God's blessing upon every appropriate method. We are *all* in danger of taking false views of life, of forgetting that "*none* of us liveth to himself, and *no* man dieth to himself."

And should the church at large feel its obligations to its Lord as it ought to feel them, our young men would catch the blessed influence. We cannot expect them to rise higher than the level on which their fathers and brothers move; but

surround them with an *atmosphere* of earnest, glowing consecration to the Lord Jesus, and they could not but feel its power, and then if God should so appoint, they would rejoice to enter the ministry of His son. We should not need to ply them with considerations of duty; for they would recognize duty by its other and christian name of privilege. We should not need to hint at the account to be rendered at the great day; they would be occupied with the thought of what would please their Heavenly Father and dear Redeemer and blessed Comforter. Let us then ourselves, and all of us, cultivate this style of piety, and we shall be prepared—and we cannot otherwise be prepared—really to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest.

It only remains to state that eight young men in Dartmouth College have been aided by the American Education Society, during the past year; and that its Treasury has received in the State about $300.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

August 25, 1869.

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., Treasurer.
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Shadrach Seavey, } Executive Committee.
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Auditor.

SHADRACH SEAVEY, TREASURER, in account with *Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.*

			Dr.
1868.	June 3.	The funds of the Corporation were,	$691 83
		Receipts during the year were:	
	June 16.	Contributed by Cong'l Church, Henniker,	12 00
		Rev. J. M. R. Eaton,	1 00

1868. June 22.		Cong'l Church, Webster,	20 08
	24.	Cong'l Church, Pittsfield,	4 56
	July 17.	Cong'l Church, Dunbarton,	10 00
	Aug. 18.	Cong'l Church, Chichester,	3 50
	24.	General Association,	63 68
		John Moony, Sanbornton Bridge,	5 00
		First Church, Derry,	12 00
	Dec. 1.	Church, Sanbornt'n Bridge,	20 00
	3.	Church, Sanbornton,	20 00
1869.	Jan. 6.	Church, Lyme,	12 00
	7.	Rev. B. P. Stone,	1 00
		South Church, Concord,	35 24
		Cong'l Church, Kensington,	6 00
		Cong'l Church, Pembroke,	7 67
		Cong'l Church, Salmon Falls,	7 00
	22.	Cong'l Church, Goffstown,	16 70
	23.	Cong'l Church, Hopkinton,	8 03
		Cong'l Church, Farmington,	9 30
		Rev. R. M. Sargent,	1 00
		Cong'l Church, Epping,	12 50
	Apr. 15.	First Church, Manchester,	25 00
		Interest dividends,	46 53
			$1054 62
Amount of fund June 2, 1869,			$1042 62

			Cr.
1868.	Oct. 10.	Paid premium on bond,	$9 00
		Rev. W. R. Jewett, per order,	1 50
		For postage stamps, &c.,	1 50
			$12 00

SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the accounts of S. Seavey, Treasurer of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, and find it well vouched and correctly cast, and find that there is a balance carried to income account of three hundred and forty seven dollars and seventy-nine cents ($347.79), and that it is safely and well invested in U. S. Bonds and in the N. H. Savings Bank.

BENJAMIN P. STONE, Auditor.

Concord, May 31, 1869.

SHADRACH SEAVEY, TREASURER, in account with

Widows' Charitable Fund.

			Dr.
1868.	June 3.	Funds of the Corporation were,	$2,739 47
		The receipts during the year were:	
		Contributed by Hon. F. N. Fisk,	1 00
	Oct. 9.	Ladies of Exeter,	30 00
1869.	Apr. 5.	Cong'l Church, Bath,	12 34

1869. Apr. 22.		Piscatuqua Association,	6 00
		Cong'l Church, Pittsfield,	9 30
		Dividends of interest,	180 03
			$2,978 11
Amount of funds June 2, 1869,			$2,758 14

			Cr.
1868.	July 15.	By paid Mrs. S. C. French,	$20 00
		A. G. Jaquith,	20 00
		Abby Lawton,	20 00
		S. M. B. Hutchinson,	20 00
		Clarisa E. Merrill,	20 00
		S. O. A. Fifield,	20 00
		Sarah P. Caswell,	20 00
		Elizabeth J. Bridge,	20 00
		Mary C. Boutwell,	20 00
		E. S. Farwell,	20 00
		H. E. Whitemore,	20 00
			$220 00

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WILLIAM R. JEWETT, in account with

General Association of New Hampshire.

			Dr.
1868.	Aug. 29.	To balance in Treasury,	$201 34
		From Strafford Conference,	50
		From Merrimack Conference,	2 00
		Coos Conference, 1868,	5 00
1869.	May 11.	Grafton Conference, 1869,	21 00
	June 14.	Hillsboro' Conference, 1869,	14 00
	21.	Rockingham Conference, 1869,	36 00
	July 12.	Sullivan Conference, 1869,	14 00
	26.	Cheshire Conference, 1869,	24 00
	Aug. 19.	Merrimack Conference, 1869,	32 00
			$385 84

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	July 12.	Sullivan Conference, 1869,	14 00
	26.	Cheshire Conference, 1869,	24 00
	Aug. 19.	Merrimack Conference, 1869,	32 00
			$385 84

			Cr.
1868.	Aug. 27.	By J. G. Davis' account paid,	$6 67
	Dec. 2.	Stamps for Minutes,	17 00
		Postage and Stationary to date,	3 50
		Wrapping and mailing Minutes,	4 50
	21.	Express charges,	2 50
	27.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing,	173 16
1869.	Apr. 29.	Morrill & Silsby,	5 10
	Aug. 19.	Express and postage,	3 12
			$215 45
1869.	Aug. 21.	Balance in Treasury,	170 39
			$385 84

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

L. D. STEVENS, Auditor.

Concord, Nov. 1, 1869.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

I. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Formed April 20th, 1841. CHARLES BURNHAM, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Almon Benson,	Center Harbor	Dec. 23, 1840	Without charge
Joseph Blake,	Gilmanton Center,	March 3, 1841	Pastor
Quincy Blakely,	Campton,	Feb. 16, 1859	Pastor
Charles Burnham,	Meredith,	Nov. 7, 1841	Pastor
Liba Conant,	Orford,	May 29, 1822	Without charge
James B. Hadley,	Campton,	Sept. 20, 1848	Without charge
C. Richardson,	Plymouth,	Sept. 30, 1840	Pastor
M. T. Runnells,	Sanbornton,	Aug. 13, 1856	Pastor
J. C. Seagrave,	Wentworth,	Dec. 3, 1851	Acting Pastor
H. M. Stone,	Laconia,	Nov. 2, 1848	Pastor
J. K. Young, D. D.,	Hopkinton,	Sept. 21, 1829	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING.—Tuesday before the last Sabbath in January and October and second Tuesday of May and August.

II. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 19th, 1779. LAUREN ARMSBY, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Lauren Armsby,	Candia,	May 27, 1846	Acting Pastor
Augustus Berry,	Pelham,	Oct. 30, 1861	Pastor
Abraham Burnham,	Hooksett,	Sept. 30, 1857	Acting Pastor
Sam. L. Gerould,	Goffstown,	Oct. 3, 1861	Pastor
James Holmes,	Fisherville,	June 22, 1842	Acting Pastor
William House,	Londonderry,	Oct. 7, 1857	Pastor
Charles L. Hubbard,	Merrimack,	Sept. 2, 1858	Pastor
Erastus M. Kellogg,	Manchester,	Oct. 26, 1842	Bookseller
Joseph Lauman,	Windham,	June 2, 1858	Pastor
Jesse Page,	Atkinson,	Sept. 16, 1835	Acting Pastor
Leonard S. Parker,	Oberlin, O.,	Dec. 6, 1837	Min. Ag't Ob. Col.
E. G. Parsons,	Derry,	Oct. 4, 1857	Pastor
Theodore C. Pratt,	Hampstead,	June 21, 1859	Pastor
T. P. Sawin,	Manchester,	April 19, 1843	Acting Pastor
J. L. Tomlinson,	Chester,	Oct. 1, 1863	Pastor
Wm. J. Tucker,	Manchester,	Jan. 24, 1867	Pastor
Cyrus W. Wallace, D. D.,	Manchester,	Jan. 8, 1840	Pastor
Isaac Willey,	Pembroke,	Jan. 18, 1825	Sec. N.H. Bib.Soc

TIMES OF MEETING.—Second Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

Haverhill Association was formed August 19, 1779. It was voted to change the name to Derry Association May 7, 1834. Derry Association and Manchester Association formed January 13, 1846; united February 5, 1851.

III. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 4, 1834. SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Nathaniel Barker,	Wakefield,	Nov. 1, 1826,	Without charge
James Boldt,	Milton.	Dec. 26, 1845.	Acting Pastor
Thomas V. Haines,	North Hampton,	Feb. 1, 1851,	Acting Pastor
Otis Holmes,	Long Island,	Sept. 8, 1842,	Acting Pastor
Reuben Kimball,	North Conway,	Jan. 27, 1841,	Acting Pastor
Samuel H. Riddel,	Tamworth,	June 27, 1827,	Pastor
Horace Wood,	Gilsum,	1839,	Acting Pastor
John Wood,	Wolfborough,	1840,	Agt. A.&F.C.I.

TIMES OF MEETING.—Third Tuesday of January and second Tuesday of May, July and October.

IV. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 5, 1762. D. E. ADAMS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
D. E. Adams,	Wilton,	Dec. 5, 1860	Pastor
William Clark,	Amherst,	April 30, 1828	Sec. N. H. H.M.S.
J. G. Davis, D. D.,	Amherst,	May 22, 1844	Pastor
Walter Follett,	Temple,	Oct. 17, 1852	Without charge
D. E. Frink,	New Boston,	1862	Pastor
William L. Gaylord,	Nashua,	Sept. 14, 1860	Pastor
Daniel Goodwin,	Mason,	Feb. 27, 1839	Pastor
George Goodyear,	Temple,	July 22, 1828	Without charge
S. H. Keeler, D. D.,	Mount Vernon,	Oct. 15, 1829	Acting Pastor
Hiram Mead,	Oberlin, O.,	Sept. 29, 1858	Prof. Ober. Coll.
George F. Merriam,	Mason Village,	March 7, 1865	Pastor
Jonathan McGee,	Nashua,	June 30, 1819	Without charge
Humphrey Moore, D. D.,	Milford,	Aug. 3, 1802	Without charge

TIMES OF MEETING—First Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

V. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 29th, 1788. F. D. AYER, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
F. D. Ayer,	Concord,	May 1, 1861	Pastor
G. I. Bard,	Dunbarton,	Oct. 17, 1860	Pastor
S. L. Blake,	Concord,	Dec. 7, 1864	Pastor
N. Bouton, D. D.,	Concord,	March 23, 1825	Historian of N.H.
E. Buxton,	Webster,	April 10, 1836	Pastor
J. B. Cook,	Salisbury,	Dec. 18, 1850	Pastor
C. Curtice,	Tilton,	Oct. 5, 1843	Pastor
J. M. R. Eaton,	Medfield, Mass.,	Jan. 9, 1845	Acting Pastor
A. W. Fiske,	Fisherville,	May 8, 1833	Without charge
H. S. Huntington,	Warner,	Jan. 31, 1856	Pastor
W. R. Jewett,	Fisherville,	Jan. 8, 1857	Pastor
H. A. Kendall,	East Concord,	Oct. 21, 1840	Without charge
S. Ketchum,	Bristol,	Sept. 17, 1867	Pastor
Benjamin Merrill.	Pembroke,	June 7, 1864	Pastor
H. Moody,	East Andover,	Nov. 22, 1843	Acting Pastor
S. S. Morrill,	Henniker,	May 12, 1859	Acting Pastor
H. B. Putnam,	West Concord,	Oct. 28, 1868	Pastor
W. T. Savage, D. D.,	Franklin,	Oct. 3, 1838	Pastor
George Smith,	East Concord,	August 9, 1853	Acting Pastor
Benjamin P. Stone, D. D.,	Concord,	May 26, 1831	Without charge

TIMES OF MEETING—Third Tuesday of January, May, August and October.

VI. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 13, 1833. H. V. EMMONS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
H. V. Emmons,	Lancaster,	Nov. 15, 1860	Pastor
Henry Farrar,	Lancaster,	Nov. 6, 1867	Evangelist
Hugh M'Leod,	Colebrook,	June 27, 1855	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—First Tuesday of February, May and October.

This Association includes also several neighboring ministers of Vermont. The "North Association of Connecticut River" was formed August 13, 1833. August 15, 1834, the name was changed to Lancaster Association.

VII. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Formed at Jaffrey, August 5th, 1793. ELIJAH HARMON, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
S. H. Amsden,	New Alstead,	Jan. 12, 1856	Pastor
Z. S. Barstow, D. D.,	Keene,	July 1, 1818	Without charge
L. Brigham,	Troy,	March 15, 1837	Acting Pastor
R. Case,	Jaffrey,	May 5, 1842	Pastor
William Claggett,	Westmoreland,	Oct. 27, 1830	Acting Pastor
H. H. Colburn,	Roxbury,	1869	Acting Pastor
S. P. Cook,	Marlborough,	1860	Pastor
T. W. Duncan,	Nelson,	June 13, 1821	Without charge
A. C. Field,	Alstead Centre,	1866	Pastor
E. Harmon,	Winchester,	1867	Pastor
W. S. Karr,	Keene,	1854	Pastor
J. A. Leach,	Keene,	1864	Pastor
G. Lyman,	Marlborough,	Jan. 11, 1832	Without charge
J. F. Norton,	Fitzwilliam,	1844	Pastor
C. M. Palmer,	Harrisville,	1867	Pastor
T. E. Roberts,	Swanzey,	1861	Insurance Agent
J. M. Stowe,	Sullivan,	Jan. 31, 1855	Acting Pastor
C. Willey,	Nelson,	1845	Acting Pastor
H. Wood,	Gilsum,	1839	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of May, August and October.

VIII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 7, 1801. WM. S. PALMER, Wells River, Vt., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
E. H. Greeley,	Haverhill,	Nov. 7, 1849	Acting Pastor
N. Lord, D. D.,	Hanover,	May 22, 1814	Without Charge
Asa Mann,	Bath,	June 19, 1844	Pastor
A. L. Marden,	Piermont,	May 30, 1861	Pastor
C. E. Milliken,	Littleton,	Sept. 28, 1859	Pastor
Asa D. Smith, D. D.,	Hanover,	Nov. 2, 1831	Pres. Dart. Coll.

TIMES OF MEETING—First Tuesday of February, May and October. This Association has, from the first, been composed of ministers from both Vermont and New Hampshire. Originally, the territory included within its limits was quite extensive, reaching from Danville, Vt., on the North, to Newport, N. H., on the South, and as far West as Berlin, Vt.

IX. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 24, 1787. SYLVANUS HAYWARD, South Berwick, Me, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
George M. Adams,	Portsmouth,	Sept. 18, 1851	Pastor
J. Otis Barows,	Exeter,	June 9, 1864	Pastor
Joseph Bartlett,	South Newmarket,	October 7, 1847	Acting Pastor
Solomon Bixby,	Kingston,	June 30, 1853	Acting Pastor
John W. Chickering, Jr.,	Exeter,	Sept. 19, 1860	Pastor
Charles Dame,	Exeter,	May 29, 1839	Book Agent
Franklin Davis,	Newington,	October 6, 1847	Acting Pastor
Erasmus D. Eldredge,	Kensington,	April 4, 1833	Pastor
Joseph Garland,	Hampton,	1817	Farmer
Ferdinand V. Haines,	North Hampton,	Feb. 1, 1861	Acting Pastor
Ezra Haskell,	Dover,	1859	Acting Pastor
Giles Leach,	Rye,	Feb. 6, 1833	Acting Pastor
A. F. Marsh,	Rochester,	Oct. 31, 1867	Pastor
Israel T. Otis,	Exeter,	July 10, 1825	Acting Pastor
Albert B. Peabody,	Seabrook,	May 24, 1860	Acting Pastor
Edward Robie,	Greenland,	Feb. 25, 1852	Pastor
Thomas S. Robie,	Salmon Falls,	Oct. 25, 1859	Acting Pastor
George B. Spalding,	Dover,	Oct. 5, 1861	Pastor
Josiah H. Stearns,	Epping,	Nov. 6, 1844	Acting Pastor
George W. Thompson,	Stratham,	April 29, 1840	Farmer
Alvan Tobey,	Durham,	Nov. 20, 1833	Pastor
Charles C. Watson,	Dover,	July 11, 1867	Pastor
Isaac C. White,	Newmarket,	Oct. 23, 1850	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Third Tuesday of January, April, July and October. This Association includes also several neighboring ministers of Maine.

X. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 26, 1829. CHARLES A. DOWNS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
E. E. P. Abbott,	Meriden,	May 6, 1868	Pastor
Philander Bates,	Cornish,	Feb. 20, 1840	Acting Pastor
B. R. Catlin,	Meriden,	Feb. 21, 1865	Farmer
Edward W. Clark,	Claremont,	January 1, 1850	Pastor
Charles A. Downs,	Lebanon,	May, 1849	Pastor
J. L. Merrill,	Acworth,	Oct. 12, 1860	Pastor
Jacob Scales,	Plainfield,	Dec. 27, 1820	Without Charge
G. R. W. Scott,	Newport,	Sept. 17, 1868	Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, May, July and October.

XI. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Formed 1809. WILLIAM O. CARR, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Jeremiah Blake,	Gilmanton I. Wk's,	Nov. 1. 1838	Acting Pastor
W. O. Carr,	Barnstead Parade,	Feb. 13, 1861	Acting Pastor
Jacob Chapman,	Deerfield,	June 23, 1845	Pastor
E. C. Cogswell,	Northwood,	Nov. 3, 1842	Acting Pastor
L. Z. Ferris,	Pittsfield,	Nov. 30, 1865	Pastor
Mark Gould,	Chichester,	Oct. 8, 1851	Acting Pastor
Charles Peabody,	Epsom,	Dec. 10, 1841	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

XII. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Formed 1812. GEORGE DUSTIN, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
J. H. Bates,	At the South,	March 16, 1853	Acting Pastor
Asahel Bigelow,	Hancock,	March 12, 1828	Pastor
E. B. Claggett,	Lyndeborough,	Sept. 30, 1846	Pastor
Charles Cutler,	Wayne, Michigan,	Nov. 18, 1857	Acting Pastor
George Dustin,	Peterborough,	Oct. 19, 1859	Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.

XIII. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Formed 1863. JOHN H. EDWARDS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
J. H. Edwards,	West Lebanon,	Feb. 4, 1863	Pastor
V. T. Hartshorne,	Enfield,	Jan. 16, 1895	Acting Pastor
H. A. Hazen,	Lyme,	Feb. 17, 1858	Pastor
S. P. Leeds,	Hanover,	June 18, 1851	Pastor
D. J. Noyes, D. D.,	Hanover,	May 3, 1837	Prof. Dart. Coll.
W. A. Packard,	Hanover,	Licentiate, 1857	Prof. Dart. Coll.
H. E. Parker,	Hanover,	March 13, 1849	Prof. Dart. Coll.
John C. Proctor,	Hanover,	Lic. Sept. 14, '69	Tutor Dart. Coll.
Heman Rood,	Hanover,	June 12, 1825	Without Charge.
E. D. Sanborn, LL. D.,	Hanover,	Lic. Nov. 1, '36	Prof. Dart. Coll.
B. Smith,	Hanover Centre,	May 13, 1829	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November; except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

The New Hampshire White River Association was formed in 1863, for the purpose of securing representation in the General Association. Its meetings, however, are held with the Association of the same name in Vermont, which was formed much earlier.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	A. D. 1777	A. C. Field,	A. D. 1866	A. D. 1866	9	27	36	8	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	$26 00
Alstead, New (2d),	1788	S. H. Amsden,		1856	29	47	76	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	70	63 75
Alstead (3d),	1812	F. B. Knowlton,		1865	5	20	25	7	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	72	23 45
Chesterfield,	1777	None.			5	17	22	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	00 00
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Fosdick,	1864	S. S. 1866	5	10	15	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	35	35 05
Fitzwilliam,	1771	John F. Norton,	1844	1858	37	103	140	16	2	2	4	2	5	0	7	1	2	265	220 22
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	1839	S. S. 1866	13	31	44	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	100 00
Harrisville,	1840	Chas. M. Palmer,	1868	1868	13	18	31	2	1	7	8	1	0	0	1	1	0	88	130 78
Hinsdale,	1821	J. S. Batchelder,	1858	1866	44	89	133	6	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	1	2	150	212 00
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	1842	1867	25	80	105	28	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	139	117 75
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C. W. Allen,	1833	S. S. 1863	18	47	65	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	106	75 00
Keene, (1st),	1738	Z S Barstow DD Pa'r Emeritus, W. S. Karr,	1818 1854	1818 1868	42	178	220	16	15	25	40	1	8	0	9	10	4	510	426 00
Keene, (2d),	1837	J. A. Leach,	1864	1869	70	127	197	8	24	12	36	3	0	0	3	19	5	307	327 35
Marlborough,	1788	Silas P. Cook,	1869	1869	33	78	111	26	10	1	11	5	4	0	9	8	1	179	121 42
Nelson,	1781	Charles Willey,	1845	S. S. 1869	33	43	76	11	0	0	0	2	9	0	11	0	1	100	54 50
Rindge,	1765	None.			53	111	164	13	8	0	8	3	5	1	9	5	2	238	236 22
Roxbury,	1816	H. H. Colburn,	1869	S. S. 1868	4	9	13	4	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	5	0	47	00 00
Stoddard,	1787	Dan'l F. Savage,	1851	S. S. 1859	11	35	46	19	1	1	2	1	8	0	9	1	5	130	61 20
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stow,	1855	S. S. 1863	32	55	87	13	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	0	1	120	125 00
Surry,	1837	Suppl'd by Meth.			1	12	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	00 00
Swanzey,	1741	Wm. H. Cutler,	1865	S. S. 1868	17	46	63	7	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	3	0	126	50 76
Troy,	1815	Levi Brigham,	1847	S. S. 1868	21	29	50	11	3	3	6	2	3	0	5	1	2	96	160 00
Walpole,	1761	L. Dickerman,	1858	S. S. 1868	16	69	85	18	0	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	1	111	171 08
Westmoreland,	1764	E. F. Abbott,	1846	S. S. 1868	22	56	78	21	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	90	29 25
" Evang.,	1852	None,			5	20	25	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00 00
Winchester,	1736	Elijah Harmon,	1867	1867	60	122	182	38	8	5	13	6	2	0	8	3	1	238	380 30
					623	1479	2102	327	86	75	161	46	53	2	101	58	32	3405	$3,656 38

Churches, 26; Pastors, 11; Stated Supplies, 12; Vacant, 3.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained 1821; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833. Edwin Jennison, Winchester ordained 1831; A. W. Burnham, D. D., Keene, ordained, 1821: Thomas E. Roberts, Swanzey, ordained 1861: Wm. Claggett, Westmoreland, ordained 830.

J. M. STOW, SULLIVAN, Statistical Secretary.

2. COOS (AND ESSEX, VT.) COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	1862	None.																	
Colebrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Hugh McLeod,	Fe, 27, 1855	Nov. 1, 1865	6	5	11	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Henry Farrar,	Nov. 6, 1867	S. S. 1866	17	32	49	7	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	68	$214 57
Franconia,	April, 1814	Rev. Mr. Durgin,	F. W. Bap.		6	23	29	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	9 11
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	Jan. 31, 1838	S. S. 1852	5	9	14	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	00 00
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov. 15, 1860	Sept. 27, '65	4	31	35	8	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	8	4	65	40 00
Littleton,	1803	C. E. Milliken	Sept. 1860	Sept. 28, '69	37	107	144	28	2	1	3	2	4	0	6	1	3	125	168 00
Shelburne,	Aug. 26, 1818	None.			33	96	129	18	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	0	0	140	302 00
West Stewart-town,	July 1, 1846	N. C. Coldeigh,	Licentiate,		0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
					7	20	27	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	34	00 00
					115	326	441	73	16	3	19	10	8	0	18	12	7	582	$733 68

Churches, 9; Pastors, 2; Stated supplies, 4; Vacant, 2.
Gorham has its Conference connections with neighboring Maine Churches.

H. V. EMMONS, Statistical Scribe.

* Including Legacies, $2,500.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1802: William Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; Geo. Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Daniel Sawyer, Merrimack, T. P. Sawin, Manchester, ordained April 19, 1843; S. M. Blanchard, Hudson, ordained Oct. 27, 1853.

WILLIAM L. GAYLORD, Statistical Secretary.

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3. GRAFTON COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,		1778	Asa Mann,	Jan. 19, 1844	Aug. 17, '67	21	90	111	18	7	1	8	0	3	0	3	3	31	160	$200 00
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4,	1818	None.			1	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Bristol,	Nov. 15,	1826	Silas Ketchum,	Sept. 17, '67	S. S. 1867	17	41	58	11	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	80	96 78
Campton,	June 1,	1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 10, '59	June29,1864	33	66	99	15	4	0	4	5	0	0	5	1	0	165	312 47
Canaan,		1803	J. H. O'Brien,	Licentiate,	S. S. 1868	4	17	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	15 00
Danbury,	Jan. 29,	1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, '36	S. S. 1866	32	42	74	10	12	1	13	1	2	0	3	7	2	75	40 00
Dorchester,	May 20,	1829	None.			3	6	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1 00
Enfield,	May 26,	1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S. 1866	8	26	34	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	22 00
Groton,	Nov. 9,	1803	Ziba Conant,	May 29, '23	S. S. 1845	11	15	26	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	58	00 00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2,	1805	S. P. Leeds,	Jan. 18, '51	July 10, '61	102	136	238	115	0	1	1	3	5	0	8	0	0	120	555 75
Hanover Center,	May 16,	1810	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, '29	S. S. 1851	26	63	89	24	8	4	12	0	4	0	4	7	2	102	57 10
Haverhill,	Oct. 13,	1790	Edw. H. Greely,	Nov. 7,	1849 S. S. 1868	53	132	185	37	2	7	9	2	2	0	4	1	0	125	184 96
Hebron,		1797	Geo. Butterfield,	Jan. 5,	1839 S. S. 1868	3	10	13	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80	15 00
Lebanon,	Sept. 29,	1768	Chas. A. Downs,	May,	1849 Nov. 22 1849	50	126	176	10	39	2	41	1	8	0	9	17	1	150	326 00
Lebanon, West,		1849	J. H. Edwards,		1863	54	93	147	10	16	2	18	3	4	0	7	9	1	217	568 52
Lyme, Cong. & Pres.,	May 22,	1771	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17,	1859 1869	102	194	296	83	1	4	5	5	11	0	16	1	1	183	720 53
Orfordville,	Aug. 27,	1770	Nathan F. Carter,		1857 S. S. 1869	14	31	45	12	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0		15 00
Orford, West,		1822	None.			18	46	64	28	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	75	17 65
Piermont,		1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30,	1861 May 30, 1861	39	70	109	58	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	90	121 52
Plymouth,		1764	C. Richardson,	Sept. 30,	'69 Sept. 30, '69	26	90	116	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	115 69
Thornton,	Apr. 11,	1780	None.			3	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		00 00
Wentworth,		1830	Jas. C. Seagrave,		1851 S. S. 1865	13	49	62	11	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	100	168 00
						633	1356	1989	485	92	25	117	31	51	0	82	47	40	2052	3572 28

Churches, 22; Pastors, 8; Stated Supplies, 10; Vacant, 4.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.—James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 2, 1835; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, Ordained May 22, 1814; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July, 1848; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Hanover, ordained March 13, 1849; John Clark, Plymouth ordained Jan. 23, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, Licentiate, Nov. 4, 1836; William A. Packard, Hanover, Licentiate, 1857.

QUINCY BLAKELY, Statistical Secretary.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.			Admissions				Removal.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, '44	86	152	218	23	2	1	3	4	5	0	9	2	2	189	3367 28*
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	W. R. Cochrane,	Mar. 18, '69	Mar. 18, '69	49	74	123	25	3	1	3	3	5	0	8	4	3	180	75 00
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Ira. C. Tyson,	Oct. 7, 1862	May 6, 1863	61	129	190	25	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	300	264 75
Bennington,	July 10, 1833	None.			18	34	52	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	60	13 31
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	F. D. Sargent,		1862	22	36	58	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	32 20
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1779	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S. 1863	33	38	71	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	37 60
Francestown,	March 8, 1777	A. Richards, D.D.	Nov. 7, 1827	S. S. 1863	97	182	279	54	10	2	12	5	5	0	10	4	2	350	200 40
Goffstown,	Dec. 29, 1801	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	37	104	141	22	2	1	3	10	13	2	25	2	0	210	230 33
Greenfield,	May 28, 1807	S. H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853	S. S. 1869	30	60	90	8	0	1	1	6	3	0	9	2	0	120	135 00
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1768	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, '28	May 15, 1850	48	91	142	32	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	1	200	258 44
Hillsboro' Bridge,	April 26, 1833	None.			22	39	61	9	3	5	8	3	1	0	4	1	0	100	00 00
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1861	15	25	40	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	32 50
Hollis,	1743	P. B. Day, D. D.	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	82	144	226	20	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	274	673 40
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	None.			17	42	59	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1844	None.			2	8	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	3 00
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sep. 30, '46	Sep. 30, 1846	38	59	97	17	1	2	3	2	2	1	5	0	0	158	
Manchester, 1st.,	May 28, 1828	C.W. Wallace, DD	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	137	347	484	90	10	11	21	6	12	0	18	5	3	767	2272 20
do Franklin St.,	June 27, 1814	W. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, '67	Jan. 24, '67	64	196	260	40	11	6	17	2	5	0	7	0	0	627	1737 00
Mason, 1st.,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, '89	Apr. 18, '89	34	57	91	18	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	0	1	112	18 50
Mason Village,	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	38	74	112	9	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	0	182	113 55
Merrimack, 1st.,	Sept. 5 1771	C. L. Hubbard,	Sept. 2, 1863	Sep. 2, 1863	51	108	159	34	1	2	3	0	4	0	4	1	0	180	162 40
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	None.			8	18	26	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	20 45
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	Geo. E. Freeman,	1858	Dec. 23, '68	73	177	250	15	1	10	11	4	0	0	4	0	0	410	601 10
Mount-Vernon,	1780	S. H. Keeler, D.D.	Oct. 1829	S. S. 1868	48	118	166	38	5	3	8	5	2	0	7	3	1	140	141 25
Nashua, 1st.,	1685	Fred'k Alvord,	July 21, '58	July 6, 1869	77	358	435	36	3	2	5	3	0	0	3	6	2	315	2102 23
Nashua, Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834	Hiram Mead,	Sep. 29 '58	Dec. 17, '67	69	184	253	4	6	16	22	6	5	0	11	0	2	250	373 57
Nashua, Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	W. L. Gaylord,	Sep. 14, '60	Dec. 31, '67	60	156	216	45	8	10	18	6	5	0	11	0	3	291	695 21
New Boston, Pres.,	1748	D. C. Frink,	1862	Dec. 12, '66	39	118	157	3	7	0	7	3	1	0	4	2	4	185	228 45
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1759	Prescott Fay,	1856	Jan. 1, 1868	74	139	213	48	14	2	16	6	1	0	7	0	0	145	534 33
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	54	78	1	1	4	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	155	352 40
Peterborough,	April 21, 1858	George Dustin,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	44	96	140	17	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	238	134 62
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Royal Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1848	S. S. 1869	46	83	129	30	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	3	0	176	00 00
Wilton, East,	May 16, 1825	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	37	82	119	7	5	2	7	1	1	0	2	5	1	214	149 76
20 Cong., 4 Pres. Chs.		22 Pastors.	6 S. S.	5 Vacant.	1538	3594	5132	846	93	95	188	95	108	9	212	54	29	6756	15861 32

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5. MERRIMACK COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Schools	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, '43	S. S. 1869	3	8	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	$00 00
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	S. S. 1869	47	83	130	35			1	6	0	0	6	1	2	75	211 39
Bradford,	Nov. 2, 1803	None.			14	38	52	30	0		0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	00 00
Canterbury,		1760 None.			24	45	69				2	5		0	6	0	0	120	10 00
Chichester,		1791 M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S. S. 1864	32	49	81	25		0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	96	56 88
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	Geo. Smith,	Aug. 9, 1843	S. S. 1869	29	58	87	3		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	69 70
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept. 12, '67	66	171	237	30		4	8			0	3	3	1	225	654 32
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	87	204	291		2	15	17			5	33	2	0	381	454 50
Concord, West,	April 22, 1843	H. B. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1868	Oct. 28, 1868	45	106	151	32				3	0	0	3	0	0	160	143 25
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov. 21, 1866	38	68	106	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	120	208 57
Epsom,		1761 Chas. Peabody,	Dec. 10, '41	S. S. 1869	26	42	68		0	0		2	2	0	4	0	0	90	41 50
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	W. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, '37	Sep. 16, 1863	41	71	112	12	0		3	1		0	2	0	0	225	445 00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	W. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sep. 4, 1849	42	92	134	40		0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	135	155 75
Henniker,	June 7, 1759	S. S. Morrill,	May 12, '57	S. S. 1869	30	87	117	12	0		1	3		0	4	0	2	225	400 00
Hill,		1815 None.			8	12	20	2	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	00 00
Hooksett,		1828 A. Burnham,	Sept. 30, '57	S. S. 1865	10	27	37	21	0		0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	76 01
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	J. K. Young, D.D.	Sept. 24, '29	S. S. 1867	48	130	178	47	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0		130	212 40
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1803	None.			12	48	60	15	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	1	75	00 00
Northfield, Saub. Br.	July 18, 1822	C. Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	42	116	158	50	0			2	2	0	4	0	0	150	200 00
Pembroke,	Mar. 1, 1767	Benj. Merrill,	June 7, 1864	S. S. 1866	42	89	131	25	14	4	18	6	9	0	15	10	6	107	318 17
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	L. Z. Ferris,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	46	84	130	29	5		9	4	0	0	4	5	0	180	195 00
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1775	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	Jan. 13, 1869	30	54	84	21	0			3	2	0	5	0		78	46 40
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, '66	Jan. 31, '66	35	80	115	11	2			3	2	0	5	1	0	180	190 04
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, '36	Dec. 13, '37	52	82	134	17	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0		120	179 59
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracy,	Feb. 1830	S. S. 1868	19	28	47	10	1	1		2	0	0	2	1		67	47 07
25 Churches,	Pastors, 11.; Stated Sup., 12.; Vacant, 4				868	1872	2740	556	38	39	77	62	52	5	119	25	23	3340	4315 48

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of New Hampshire; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833; Moses Gerould, Concord, ordained May 22, 1828; Wm. V. Jordan, Concord, ordained Sept. 13, 1836; Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831—Treasurer N. H. Missionary Society, and N. H. Bible Society; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827; Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826—Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, Statistical Secretary.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf	Let	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S. S. 1845	24	61	85	18	2	0	2	3	4	0	7	1	0	80	$102 00
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, '46	S. S. 1869	23	44	67	9	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	2	105	100 00
Brentwood.	Jan. 7, 1756	Nath'l Lasell,	1835	S. S. 1866	14	42	56	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	79	10 00
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, '46	S. S. 1866	76	118	194	34	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	293	300 50
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	68	126	194	44	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	156	323 89
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 20, '66	28	50	78	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	100	72 15
Derry, 1st.,	1719	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, '61	53	135	188	32	1	1	2	2	6	0	8	1	1	279	376 90
Derry, 1st. Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	91	121	25	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	75	350 68
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	13	39	52	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	128 57
Exeter, 1st,	1638 Re. 1638	J. O. Barrows,	Jan. 9, 1834	Dec. 5, 1866	43	109	152	38	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	4	430	547 74
Exeter, 2d,	1813	J. W. Chickering	Sep. 19, '60	Sept. 6, 1865	31	87	118	40	3	2	5	3	7	0	10	2	0	130	940 00
Greenland,	July, 1709	Edward Robie,	Sept. 5, '52	Feb. 25, '52	8	41	49	8	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	63	268 25
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,	June 21, '59	June 21, '59	20	77	97	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	115	398 00
Hampton,	1630	None.			65	135	200	24	0	2	2	4	5	6	15	0	4	144	154 19
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1839	E. D. Eldridge,	Ap'l 4, 1833	June 30, '64	10	39	49	7	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	77	58 00
Kingston,	Sept. 25 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, '58	S. S. 1868	8	38	46	6	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	4	2	99	111 25
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	Wm. House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	63	132	195	10	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	4	219	264 37
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	1825	S. S. 1846	8	37	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	200	22 00
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S. S. 1895	18	43	61	15	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	122	286 90
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	S. S. 1867	57	96	151	26	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	2	2	190	213 95
Northwood.	Nov. 29, 1738	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1895	35	70	105	14	5	3	8	2	6	0	8	3	2	127	132 69
Nottingham,	1840	None.			2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1739	Homer Barrows,	June, 1836	S. S. 1859	22	61	83	13	4	1	5	2	2	0	4	2	2	85	171 00
Portsmouth,	1671	G. M. Adams,	Sept. 18, '51	June 3, 1863	100	274	374	77	34	9	43	5	5	0	10	16	1	217	1854 20
Raymond,	1791	E. D. Chapman,	Sept. 20, '54	Dec. 6, 1866	59	99	158	18	9	0	9	2	0	0	2	5	5	157	144 30
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1736	Giles Leach,	Feb. 6, 1833	S. S. 1868	19	54	73	23	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	43 25
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,	1850	S. S. 1863	14	53	67	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	10 00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	1836	None.			13	24	37	12	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	79	116 25
South Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	W. A. Rand,	Licentiate.		12	16	28	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	136	0 00
South Newmarket,	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 1847	S. S. 1869	3	17	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	50 00
Stratham,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 29, '60	1869	15	30	45	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	89	164 10
Windham, Pres.,	1742	J. Lanman,	June 2, 1868	June 2, 1868	48	114	162	0	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	0	4	130	284 55
32 Churches.	Pastors, 14.	S. S. 14.	Vacant, 3.		969	2355	3354	519	92	29	121	60	52	6	116	47	38	3960	7089 68

Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained Oct. 6, 1847, preaches in Newington.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Thomas Jameson, Exeter, ordained July, 1825; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained, April 29, 1840; Jos. Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847; Charles Dame, Exeter, ordained May 20, 1859.

EDWARD ROBIE, Statistical Scribe.

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Coll. Char.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot.	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant			6	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0		$6 25
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	Vacant			9	33	42	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	9 50
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant			12	25	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Barnstead Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S. 1867	16	28	44	0	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	6	0	90	48 15
Center Harbor,	May 9, 1839	Vacant			14	26	40	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	12 85
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	E. P. Eastman		Licentiate	26	68	94	12	6	0	6	4	1	0	5	5	3	100	188 21
Dover, First Church,	Jan. 7, 1639	G. B. Spalding	Oct. 5, 1861	Sept. 1, 1869	58	217	275	43	2	0	2	8	9	0	17	2	2	210	764 34
Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	C. C. Watson	July 11, 1867	July 11, 1867	17	61	78	17	11	3	14	1	0	0	1	11	2	175	114 50
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey, DD.	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	26	65	91	11	3	0	3	4	2	0	6	3	0	130	362 25
Effingham,	May 17, 1839	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S. S. 1859	5	18	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45 00
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	W. S. Kimball	1867	S. S. 1860	9	31	40	7	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	1	2	129	111 70
Gilmanton Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake	Mar. 3, 1841	J'e 13, 1860	37	73	110	26	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	2	85	97 63
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Jeremiah Blake	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S. 1865	15	37	52	12	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	1	30	15 00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant			6	7	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	
Laconia,	June 28, 1824	H. M. Stone	Nov. 2, 1848	Feb. 12, 1863	48	124	172	48	8	6	12	4	2	0	6	1	2	93	208 37
Lee,	Dec. 2, 1867	Vacant			4	27	31	0	16	2	18	0	1	0	1	14	0	122	00 00
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Chas. Burnham	Nov. 8, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	16	43	59	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	80	81 00
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Dec. 25, 1843	S. S. 1848	24	60	84	0	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	140	59 20
Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant			5	12	17	14	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0		
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 27, 1800	D. S. Hibbard	1860	S. S. 1868	15	33	48	18	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	45	27 39
Rochester,	1737	A. F. Marsh	Oct. 13, 1867	Oct. 13, 1867	26	97	123	26	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	7	0	175	130 00
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Thos. S. Robie	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S. 1866	25	55	80	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	30 00
Sanbornton,	Nov. 13, 1771	M. T. Runnells	A'g. 13, 1858	J'e 11, 1868	41	86	127	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	4	132	269 55
Sandwich,	Dec. 8, 1824	Vacant			6	20	26	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	7 00
Sandwich, North,	June 17, 1832	Vacant			16	20	36	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		5 00
Somersworth,	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden	1841	June 5, 1865	50	135	185	33	1	2	3	3	6	0	9	1	0	264	429 48
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	S. H. Riddel	Jan. 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	34	77	111	19	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	157	105 15
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant			3	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2 00
Wakefield,	Jan. 17, 1795	D. D. Tappan	Mar. 19, 1826	S. S. 1865	8	31	39	12	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	90 34
Wolfborough,	Jan. 17, 1834	L. Thompson	Nov. 20, 1838	S. S. 1868	26	50	76	19	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	104	72 58
Wolfborough, North,	June 18, 1839	F. P. Smith	Sep. 12, 1858	June, 1868	4	12	16	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	14 00
31 Churches.	10 Vacant.	11 Pastors.	10 S. S.		607	1593	2200	472	68	19	87	62	39	0	101	56	18	2592	3265 36

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. John Wood, Wolfeborough, ordained 1840; Almon Benson, Center Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1823; Ezra Haskell, Dover, ordained 1860; E. P. Eastman, licensed, April 27, 1869. C. C. WATSON, Statistical Secretary.

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, '60	June 13, '63	46	90	136	21	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	160	$100 00
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, '48	S. S. 1364	4	23	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	21 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, '50	Feb. 25, '64	67	171	238	65	2	5	7	4	19	0	23	0	3	205	521 51
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20, '40	S. S.	27	50	77	9	22	1	23	0	3	0	3	17	0	85	8 00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	14	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2 35
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			8	14	22	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	87	4 25
Landgdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	M. Gerould,	May 22, '28	S. S.	6	24	30	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	45	33 81
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	B. Howe,	Nov. 5, '45	S. S. 1867	24	28	52	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	27 70
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			7	12	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0 00
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, '68	May 6, 1868	30	70	100	20	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	50	200 00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,	Sept. 17, 68	Sept. 17, '68	75	130	205	100	28	11	39	0	5	0	5	11	2	180	373 92
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			6	26	32	5	3	0	3	6	1	0	7	1	0	30	50 00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	Vacant.			4	22	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	9 00
13 Churches.		4 Pastors.	4 S. Supply 5 Vacant.		314	674	988	268	57	22	79	15	36	1	52	30	6	1072	1351 54

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865. LICENTIATES. Cyrus S. Richards, L. L. D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850. Plainfield has had preaching through the year by Rev. B. R. Catlin, and Mr. G. A. Seeley, a missionary. Goshen has had preaching in their house of worship one half the time by Rev. Mr. Whittemore, Baptist minister in the town.

EDWARD W. CLARK, Statistical Secretary.

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Coll.
	Total	Vac.	Pastors	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prof	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	26	3	11	12	6	29	0	923	1479	2102	327	86	75	161	46	53	2	101	58	32	3405	$3656 38
2. Coos,	9	2	2	4	0	6	1	115	326	441	73	16	3	19	10	8	0	18	12	7	582	733 68
3. Grafton,	22	4	8	10	10	28	2	633	1356	1989	485	92	25	117	31	49	0	80	47	40	2052	3572 21
4. Hillsborough,	33	5	22	6	12	40	0	1538	3594	5132	846	93	95	188	95	108	9	212	54	29	6756	15861 32
5. Merrimack,	25	4	12	9	8	29	0	868	1872	2740	556	38	39	77	62	52	5	119	25	23	3340	4315 48
6. Rockingham,	32	3	14	14	5	33	0	999	2355	3354	519	92	29	121	58	52	6	118	47	38	3960	7989 68
7. Strafford,	31	10	11	10	4	25	1	607	1593	2200	432	68	19	87	62	39	0	101	56	18	2592	3265 36
8. Sullivan,	13	5	4	4	2	10	1	314	674	988	268	57	22	79	15	36	1	52	30	6	1072	1351 54
Total,	191	36	84	69	47	200	5	5097	13249	18946	3506	542	307	849	381	397	23	799	329	193	23759	40745 72

SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATION.	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872
Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	New York,	Iowa,
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Methodist Conference,	Rhode Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine. Missouri. Minnesota.
Harmony,	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention.
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode Island, Iowa, Nebraska,	New York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon,	Ohio. Indiana.
Hopkinton,	Rhode Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota.	Mass. Association, Iowa, California,	Ohio, Michigan, Methodist Conference,	New York. Illinois. Nebraska.
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada.		Vermont.
Monadnock,	New York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Ohio, Michigan, Presbyterian Assembly, Methodist Conference,	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut. California, Canada,
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention,	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	Rhode Island.
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention.	Presbyterian Assembly. Kansas. Oregon.
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois,	New York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Mass. Association.
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana.	Canada,	Methodist Conference.
Union,	Presbyterian Assembly.	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin. F. W. B. Y. M.,
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Association,	Michigan.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

CHANGES SINCE MAY 31, 1868.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1868. Sept. 2, Charles L. Hubbard, at Merrimack.
Sept. 17, George R. W. Scott, at Newport.
Oct. 28, Hiram B. Putnam, at West Concord.
Dec. 8, Charles M. Palmer, at Harrisville.
1869. March 18, William R. Cochran, at Antrim.
June 24, Silas P. Cook, at Marlborough.
Sept. 30, Cyrus Richardson, at Plymouth.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1868. Sept. 10, Henry P. Page, at Center Harbor, Missionary to Persia.
1869. April 30, John W. Churchill, at Nashua, Professor of Elocution in Andover Theological Seminary.
May 19, Henry H. Colburn, at Roxbury.
Sept. 2, Frank G. Clark, at Francestown, City Missionary in Manchester.
Sept. 2, Henry Marden, at Francestown, Missionary to Turkey.

PASTORS INSTALLED.

1868. June 11, Moses T. Runnells, at Sanbornton.
July 9, William S. Karr, Keene, First Church.
Sept. 2, Henry A. Hazen, at Lyme.
Sept. 23, John F. Norton, at Fitzwilliam.
Dec. 23, George E. Freeman, at Milford.
1869. Jan. 13, Jonathan B. Cook, at Salisbury.
Jan. 27, S. Leroy Blake, at Concord, South Church.
Feb. 4, Samuel L. Gerould, at Goffstown.
May 6, Ira C. Tyson, at Bedford.
July 6, Frederick Alvord, at Nashua, First Church.
Sept. 1, Geo. B. Spalding, at Dover, First Church.
Sept. 15, Joseph A. Leach, at Keene, Second Church.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

1868. June 30, Joseph M. R. Eaton, from Henniker.
July 9, Zedekiah S. Barstow, from Keene First Church.
July 15, Henry A. Hazen, from Plymouth.
Aug. 6, George H. DeBevoise, from Walpole.
Aug. 13, E. Cornelius Hooker, from Nashua First Church.
Sept. 7, Avery S. Walker, from Dover First Church.
Sept. 22, Arthur Little, from Bedford.
Nov. 17, Samuel L. Gerould, from Stoddard.
Nov. , John W. Dodge, from Hampton.
Dec. 22, Milton L. Severance, from Boscawen.
1869. Feb. 16, James Holmes, from Auburn.
May 2, Roger M. Sargent, from Farmington.
June 21, Leonard S. Parker, from Derry First Church.
June , Ephraim N. Hidden, from Great Falls.
Sept. 22, Hiram Mead, from Nashua, Olive Street Church.
Oct. 6, J. O. Barrows, from Exeter First Church.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1868. Aug. 19, John H. Manning, at Brookline, aged 44.
Sept. 17, Moses Kimball, at East Haverhill, Mass., aged 69.
Nov. 2, Benjamin F. Foster, at Dummerston, Vt., aged 65.
1869. Jan. 6, Amos Blanchard, at Barnet, Vt., aged 68.
Feb, 2, George W. Campbell, at Bradford, Mass., aged 74.
July 6, Pliny B. Day, D. D., at Hollis, aged 62.
Sept. 6, William Richardson, at Manchester, aged 68.
Sept. 17, E. D. Chapman, at Raymond, aged 50.
Sept. 19, Loren Thayer, at Windham, aged 54.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number of churches reported is 191, one less than last year. No new ones have been formed. The loss is due to the omission of the name of the Christian Mission Church in Manchester. This enterprise was begun in 1847, a chapel erected in 1850, and a church organized Dec. 30, 1852, which has included in all, from its organization, 86 members. It has now been abandoned as a distinct church, its membership having been absorbed by the other churches. The mission enterprise, however, is carried on with no less energy than heretofore. Last year the Congregational Churches of Manchester paid half the expenses, and the Manufacturing Corporations the other. Mr. Frank G. Clark was ordained to the gospel ministry at Francestown, Sept. 2, 1869, and enters this field as a city missionary. The number reported in the Sabbath school is 264; which, in the Statistics, is divided equally between the Sabbath schools of the two churches in Manchester.

The town of Hill having been transferred, by act of the Legislature, from Grafton to Merrimack county, the church in that place appears under Merrimack County Conference.

Five thousand dollars have been raised, by subscription within and outside the place and other means, for the erection of a house of worship in South Seabrook. The following sums are reported as expended for repairs and improvements in church edifices. The list is doubtless incomplete:

Concord First, $5,800, (including $3,500 for an organ). Concord South, $4,300 (including $4,000 for an organ). Concord West, $1,500. Gilsum, $200. Goffstown, $1,450. Nashua First, $6,000, (for the erection of a chapel). Olive Street, $6,901.21. Pearl Street, $6,380. Newport, $7,000, ($2,700 for an organ). North Hampton, $2,500. Sullivan, $1,200. Swanzey, $1,000. Warner, $1,100.

The First Church in Dover has received $6,500, by legacy from William Woodman.

Eighty-four churches have pastors; sixty-nine, acting pastors; two are supplied by licentiates, and thirty-six are destitute of stated preaching. In the case of many of these last, however, the destitution is only temporary. In several cases, churches are reported as sustaining worship in connection with the Free Will Baptists, Methodists or Baptists.

MINISTERS. The number of pastors is eighty-four; of acting pastors, sixty-nine; of ministers without charge, forty-seven. The average term of service with the churches in which they are at present laboring is, in the case of pastors, seven and a half years; of acting pastors, four years. Ten years ago, in 1859, the number of pastors in the State was ninety-five, and their average term of service with the churches over which they were then settled was a little more than nine and a half years. The number of acting pastors was then fifty-eight, and their average term of service in fifty-three cases, (the others being unknown) was three years and ten months.

Dr. Barstow, installed over the First Church in Keene in 1818, is still Pastor Emeritus. Of Pastors now in active service, the five longest settled are: Dr. Tobey, installed at Durham in 1833; Mr. Buxton, at Webster in 1837; Dr. Wallace, at Manchester in 1840; Mr. Curtice, at Northfield in 1843; and Dr. Davis, at Amherst in 1844. Mr. Lyman has been acting pastor at Marlborough since 1840.

One hundred and forty-nine ministers are connected with the Ministerial Associations of the State. Two are reported as belonging to two Associations.

MEMBERS. The whole number of members of the churches is 18,946. Males 5,697; females 13,249. This is one hundred and seven less than the membership reported last year; though during the year the additions, by profession, have exceeded the deaths by sixty-one; and the total admissions the total removals, by forty-eight. The apparent loss is probably due in part to a praiseworthy cause, viz., the careful revision of the lists of members in some churches.

Eighty-six churches have received no additions by profession, during the year; twenty have received none for the

past five years. Ten years ago the membership of our churches was 21,120, which is 2,174 more than the present number. A comparison with neighboring States shows that, during each of the past five years, there has been a gain in the membership of the Congregational churches of Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts; while in New Hampshire, during three of these years, there has been a loss. The churches of Maine have gained, during these years, above all removals, 593; those of Vermont, 1,217; those of Massachusetts, 5,780; while those of New Hampshire have lost 224. The effect of these comparisons should be, not most assuredly to discourage us, but to lead us to new earnestness in praying that the "power from on high" may descend upon our churches, and to new enquires after the most efficient means of christian influence.

The number of absent members is reported as 3,506, a diminution of 167 from last year.

Baptisms. Adults, 329; infants, 193. Seventy-seven churches report one or more infant baptisms; one hundred and fourteen, report none.

Sabbath Schools. The number connected with the Sabbath schools is 23,759, an increase of one hundred and nine over last year. The numbers in these schools vary from twenty-five to seven hundred and sixty-seven. It is well that in so many instances the *small* schools are perseveringly maintained. Sixteen of our churches report *no* Sabbath school. Would not these feeble churches do good, and receive good, by sustaining Sabbath schools, even if they are unable to maintain public worship? Often by this means the way has been prepared for the re-establishment of the services of the sanctuary. Suppose there remain in a church only a few christian women, may they not often do great good by sustaining a Sabbath school?

Charitable Collections. The amount reported is $40,745.72, a gain of $5,574.72 upon the previous year. The average to each member of the church, is $2.15. Twenty-six churches report *no* benevolent contributions. Is this right?

Should a church cease to make contributions to objects of benevolence because their number is small and they have no pastor? If some brother or sister in each of these feeble churches would make it a part of his work for Christ to see that information is diffused about some of the great objects of benevolence, and contributions solicited, it—as well as the sustaining of a Sabbath school—would be a valuable means of "strengthening the things which remain."

Doubtless some charitable gifts have been made in these churches, which are not reported. And this leads me to reiterate the remark of my predecessor, that *every* church should have a clerk, and one who will faithfully perform his duties. If a church contains only three members (none of ours fall much below that!) one of them should be clerk. It would seem a reasonable hope, that where a church has had *no* Sabbath school and made no benevolent contributions, some one should be found able and willing to testify to the fact, but the difficulty of obtaining such testimony in some cases can be appreciated only by those who have tried it. A few churches have neglected repeated requests to furnish these items, and they are therefore lacking in our statistics.

The Secretary will be thankful to any of his brethren for corrections or suggestions, which may render future minutes more accurate or valuable.

The next meeting of the General Association will be held at Milford.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,
Statistical Secretary.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New Hampshire, with their Postoffice address, and the number of the Conference and Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, E. E. P., Meredith. 8. X
Abbott, E. F., Westmoreland. 1.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4. IV.
Adams, George M., Portsmouth. 6. IX.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 1.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Alvord, Frederick, Nashua. 1.
Amsden, S. H., New Alstead. 1. VII.
Arms, Josiah L., Auburn. 6.
Armsby, L., Candia. 11.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5. V.
Bard, George L., Dunbarton. 5. V.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7. III.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., Exeter. 6. IX.
Bartlett, Joseph, So. Newmarket. 6. IX.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D.D., Keene. 1. VII
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 8.
Bates, Philander, Cornish Flat. 8. X.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Benson, Almon, Center Harbor. 7. 1.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 1. II.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 1. XII.
Bixby, Solomon, Kingston. 6. IX.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmant'n I.W'ks. 7. XI
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 7. 1.
Blake, S. L., Concord. 5. V.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3. I.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 1.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Bradford, Samuel B., Francestown. 1.
Brigham, Levi, Troy. 1. VII.
Burnham, A., Hookasett. 5. II.
Burnham, A. W., D. D., Keene. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7. 1.
Butterfield, George, Hebron. 3.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7. XI.
Carter, N. F., Orfordville. 3.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1. VII.
Catlin, B. R., Meriden. 8. X
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6. XI.
Chickering, J. W., Exeter. 6. IX.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro'. 4. XII.
Claggett, Wm., Westmoreland. 1. VII.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8. X.
Clark, Frank G., Manchester 4.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4. IV.
Cochrane, W. R., Antrim. 4.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood. 6. XI.
Colburn, H. H., Roxbury. 1. VII.
Conant, Liba, Orford. 3. I.
Cook, Jonathan B., Salisbury. 5. V.
Cook, Silas P., Marlboro'. 1. VII.
Curtice, Corban, Tilton. 5. V.
Cutler, Wm. H., Swanzey. 1.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6. IX.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6. IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 6. IX.
Dickerman, L., Walpole. 1.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7. III.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3. X.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
Dustin, George, Peterboro'. 4. XII.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3. XIII.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6. IX.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2. VI.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrar, Henry, Dalton. 2. VI.
Fay, Prescott, New Ipswich. 4.
Ferris, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5. XI.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1. VII.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5. V.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4. IV.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Freeman, George E., Milford. 4.
Frink, D. C., New Boston. 4. IV.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6. IX.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Nashua. 4. IV.
Gerould, Moses, Concord. 5.
Gerould, Samuel L., Goffstown. 4. II.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4. IV.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4. IV.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5. XI.
Greeley, E. H., Haverhill. 3. VIII.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3. I.
Haines, T. V., North Hampton. 6. IX. III.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfeboro'. 7.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7. VII.
Hartshorne, V. T., Enfield. 3. XIII.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7. IX.
Hazen, H. A., Lyme. 3. XIII.
Hibbard, D. S., Ossipee Centre. 7.

Holden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Holmes, James, Fisherville. 5. II
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4
Hooker, E. C., Nashua. 4.
House, Wm. Pres., Londonderry. 6. II.
Howe, Benjamin, Lempster. 8
Hubbard, C. L., Merrimack. 1. II.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5. V
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter. 6.
Jemison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jordan, Wm. V., Concord 5
Jewett, Wm. R. Fisherville. 5. V
Karr, Wm. S., Keene. 1. VII.
Keeler, Seth H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 1. IV.
Kellogg, Erasmus M., Manchester. 1. II.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5. V.
Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 3. V.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7. III.
Kimball, Woodbury S., Farmington. 7.
Knowlton, F. B., Alstead. 1.
Lauman, Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6. II
Lasell, Nathaniel, Brentwood. 6.
Leach, Giles, Rye. 6. IX.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 1. VII
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 3.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover 3. XIII.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1. VII.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3. VIII.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3 3. VIII.
Marsh, A. F., Rochester. 7. IX.
Marsh, Joseph, Nelson. 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4. IV.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook. 2. VI.
Merriam, Geo. F., Mason Village. 4. IV.
Merrill, Benjamin, Pembroke. 5. V.
Merrill, John L. Acworth. 8. X.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 2. VIII.
Moody, Howard, East Andover. 5. V.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4. IV.
Morrill, S. S., Henniker. 5. V.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 1. VI.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6. IX.
Page, Caleb F., Milton Mills. 7.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6. II.
Palmer, Charles M., Harrisville. 1. VII.
Park, Harrison G., Hancock. 1.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Parkinson, Royal, Temple. 4.
Parsons, Benj. T. Derry. 6. II.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Partridge, S. H., Greenfield,
Peabody, Albert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Peabody, Charles, Epsom 5. XI.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6 II
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Francestown. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 3. I.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6 IX.
Robie, Thomas S., Salmon Falls. 7. IX.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3. XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. I
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 1.
Savage, Daniel F., Stoddard. 1.
Savage, Wm. T., D. D., Franklin. 5 V.
Sawyer, Daniel, Merrimack, South. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 1. II.
Scales, Jacob, Plaintfield. 3. X.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8. X.
Seagrave, James C., Wentworth. 3. I.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 3. XIII.
Smith, F. P., Wolfeboro', North. 7.
Smith, George, Eas, Concord. 5. V.
Smith, Isaiah P., Temple. 1.
Spalding, Geo. B., Dover. 7. IX.
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 3.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6. IX.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Stone, Harvey M., Laconia. 7. I.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1. VII.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Tewksbury, Geo. F., Gorham. 2.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6. IX.
Thompson, L., Wolfeboro'. 7.
Thurston, Chas. A. G., Bradford.
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., Durham. 7. IX.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6. II.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5.
Tucker, Wm. J., Manchester. 1
Tyson, Ira C., Bedford 1
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., D.D., Manchester. 1. II
Watson, C. C., Dover. 7. IX.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6. IX
Willey, Charles, Nelson. 1. VII.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5. II.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1. VII. III.
Wood, John, Wolfeborough. 7. III.
Young, John K., D. D., Hopkinton. 5 1

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Abbot, I. F. P. C. [illegible] X
Abbott, E. P., Westmoreland. I
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4. IV.
Adams, George M., Portsmouth. 6. IX.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 1
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Alvord, Frederick, Nashua. 4.
Amsden, S. H., New Alstead. 1. VII.
Arms, Josiah L., Auburn. 6.
Armsby, L., Candia. 11.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5. V.
Bard, George L., Dunbarton. 5. V.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7. III.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6
Barrows, J. O., Exeter. 6. IX.
Bartlett, Joseph, So. Newmarket. 6. IX.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D.D., Keene. 1. VII
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 8.
Bates, Philander, Cornish Flat. 8. X.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Benson, Almon, Center Harbor. 7. I.
Berry, Augustus Pelham. 1. II
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 1. VII.
Bixby, Solomon, Kingston. 6. IX.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmanton I.W'ks. 7. XI
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 7. I
Blake, S. L., Concord. 5. V
Blakely, Quincy, Canaan. 3. I.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 4.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Bradford, Samuel B., Francestown. 1.
Brigham, Levi, Troy. 1. VII.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5. II.
Burnham, A. W., D. D., Keene. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7. I.
Butterfield, George, Hebron. 3.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7. XI.
Carter, N. F., Orfordville. 3.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1. VII.
Catlin, B. B., Meriden. 8. X
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6. XI.
Chickering, J. W., Exeter. 6. IX.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro'. 1. XII.
Claggett, Wm., Westmoreland. 1. VII
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8. X.
Clark, Frank G., Manchester 4
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4. IV.
Cochrane, W. R., Antrim. 4.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood. 6. XI.
Colburn, H. H., Roxbury. 1. VII.
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Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6. IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 6. IX
Dickerman, L., Walpole. 1.
Dobbl, James, Milton. 7. III.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3. X.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
Dustin, George, Peterboro'. 4. XII.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3. XI
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6. I
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2. VI.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrar, Henry, Dalton. 2. VI.
Fay, Prescott, New Ipswich. 4.
Ferris, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5. XI.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1. VII.
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Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Freeman, George E., Milford. 4.
Frink, D. C., New Boston. 4. IV.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6. IX.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Nashua. 4. IV.
Gerould, Moses, Concord. 5.
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Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
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F. B., Alstead. 1.
Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6. II.
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Benj. F. Derry. 6. II.
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S. H., Greenfield,
Peabody, Albert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Peabody, Charles, Epsom. 5. XI.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6. II.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Francestown. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 3. I.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6. IX.
Robie, Thomas S., Salmon Falls. 7. IX.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3. XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. I
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 1.
Savage, Daniel F., Stoddard. 1.
Savage, Wm. T., D. D., Franklin. 5. V.
Sawyer, Daniel, Merrimack, South. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4. II.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3. X.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8. X.
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Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 3. XIII.
Smith, F. P., Wolfeboro', North. 7.
Smith, George, East Concord. 5. V.
Smith, Isaiah P., Temple. 4.
Spalding, Geo. B., Dover. 7. IX
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 3.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6. IX.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5. V.
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Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1. VII.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Tewksbury, Geo. F., Gorham. 2.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6. IX.
Thompson, L., Wolfeboro'. 7.
Thurston, Chas. A. G., Bradford.
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., Durham. 7. IX.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6. II.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5.
Tucker, Wm. J., Manchester. 4.
Tyson, Ira C., Bedford. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., D.D., Manchester. 4. II
Watson, C. C., Dover. 7. IX.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6. IX
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Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6. IX.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6. IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 6. I
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Doldt, James, Milton. 7. III.
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Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
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Hibbard, D. S., Ossipee Centre. 7.

Hilton, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Holmes, James, Fisherville. 5. II.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
Hooker, E. C., Nashua. 4.
House, Wm. Pres., Londonderry. 6. II.
How, Benjamin, Lempster. 8.
Hubbard, C. L., Merrimack. 4. II.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5. V.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter. 6.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 4.
Joslan, Wm. V., Concord. 5.
Jewett, Wm. R. Fisherville. 5. V.
Karr, Wm. S., Keene. 4. VII.
Keeler, Seth H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 4. IV.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Manchester. 4. II.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5. V.
Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 3 V.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7. III.
Kimball, Woodbury S., Farmington. 7.
Knowlton, F. B., Alstead. 4.
Lamman, Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6. II.
Lasell, Nathaniel, Brentwood. 6.
Leach, Giles, Rye. 6. IX.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 4. VII.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 3.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover 3. XIII.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 4. VII.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3. VIII.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3. 3. VIII.
Marsh, A. F., Rochester. 7. IX.
Marsh, Joseph Nelson. 4.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4. IV.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook. 2. VI.
Merriam, Geo. F., Mason Village. 4. IV.
Merrill, Benjamin, Pembroke. 5. V.
Merrill, Joim L. Acworth. 8. X.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 2. VIII.
Moody, Howard, East Andover. 5. V.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4. IV.
Morrill, S. S., Henniker. 5. V.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 4. VI.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6. IX.
Page, Caleb F., Milton Mills. 7.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6. II
Palmer, Charles M., Harrisville. 4. VII.
Park, Harrison G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3. XIII
Parkinson, Royal, Temple. 4.
Parsons, Benj. F. Derry. 6. II.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Partridge, S. H., Greenfield,
Peabody, Albert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Peabody, Charles, Epsom. 5. XI.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6. II.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Francestown. 4
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 3. 4.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 4. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6. IX.
Robie, Thomas S., Salmon Falls. 7. IX.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3 XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. 4.
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 4.
Savage, Daniel F., Stoddard. 4.
Savage, Wm. T., D. D., Franklin. 5. V.
Sawyer, Daniel, Merrimack, South. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4. II.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3. X.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8. X.
Seagrave, James C., Wentworth. 3. 4
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
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Smith, F. P., Wolfeboro', North. 7.
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SIXTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN KEENE,

AUGUST 26, 1869.

CONCORD:
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1869.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Society held its sixty-eighth annual meeting for the transaction of business in the Second Congregational Church in Keene, Thursday, August 26, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*
Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, *Vice President.*
Rev. William Clark, Amherst, *Secretary.*
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
S. G. Lane, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees elected in 1869.

Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.
Rev. E. G. Parsons, Derry.
Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville.

Trustees elected in 1868.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord.
Rev. Asa Mann, Bath.
C. F. Stewart, Esq., Concord.

Trustees elected in 1867.

Rev. Alvan Tobey, D. D., Durham.
Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton.
Hon. J. W. Noyes, Chester.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held in the Second Congregational Church, Keene, August 26, 1869, the following members of the Board were appointed Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz :

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord.
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord.
Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord.
Rev. WILLIAM CLARK, Amherst.
Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Fisherville.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Society was held in the First Congregational Church, Keene, August 26, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Deane, delegate from the General Association of Connecticut to the General Association of New Hampshire.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which, having been audited, was accepted and adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, when Rev. D. E. Adams of Wilton, with an address, moved its adoption and publication under direction of the Trustees, seconded by Mr. William A. Rand, South Seabrook. Addresses were made by Mr. Rand, Rev. S. L. Gerould of Goffstown, Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Davenport, Iowa.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting to its friends and patrons the sixty-eighth Annual Report of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, the Trustees have nothing special to offer out of the usual course of their transactions, or of the results of the labor of our missionaries. We are pained to record the death of one of our trustees, George Hutchins, Esq., and of one of our missionaries, Mr. William J. Patterson; also, of a wife of one, Mrs. C. B. Tracy.

Mr. Hutchins and his wife, on their way last autumn to the South, were lost, with many others, on a steamer, destroyed by fire on the Ohio River. No trace could be found of any part of their remains. Mr. Hutchins, a native and resident of Concord during a life of 70 years, was well known and greatly esteemed, not only in his native city, but throughout the State, as a valuable citizen, an enterprising merchant, a consistent christian, a promoter of every good object. He ever showed deep interest in our Home Missionary enterprise; as one of our trustees, he took broad views of this cause. His judgment we respected; his counsels we valued. His wife, who met death at the same time and in the same painful manner with himself, was a highly estimable christian lady; always ready to every good work; greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. William J. Patterson, our missionary at South Merrimack, during his spring vacation in the Theological Seminary, Andover, who died there after a short and painful sickness, was a young preacher of much promise, greatly beloved by our little church, to which he was ministering near the time of his death.

We owe it to departed worth, to record the name of Mrs. Tracy, the wife of our Missionary, Rev. C. B. Tracy of Wilmot. She was an excellent christian lady, a truly help-meet to her husband in the missionary work. Her death, sudden

and unexpected, is to him a very heavy affliction; a sore bereavement to the church and people to which he ministers.

Our several missionaries have sedulously and faithfully performed their official duties through the year now reported, with the usual degree of Divine favor and success. In some churches more than common religious interest has existed; as in Danbury, Gorham, Center Harbor, Roxbury, and South Seabrook, in which places several hopeful conversions have occurred, and encouraging additions made to the churches.

SUMMARY.

Fifty-two missionaries have labored within the year, in forty-three congregations; thirty-six during the entire year; sixteen for shorter periods, from two to six months; in all, an aggregate of thirty-six years and two months. Toward their support, appropriations have been made to the amount of $5694.50. Sixteen churches report one hundred hopeful conversions. Thirty-two missionaries report an average of 1666 attendants on public worship. Members in twenty-nine churches, 1161; of whom 333 are males, 828 females. Seventeen churches have had 84 additions, of which 65 by profession; 19 by letter. Thirteen churches report 33 dismissions; by death 16, by dismission, 17. Fifteen churches have had 69 baptisms. Infant, 21; adult, 48. Thirty-two Sabbath schools report 2090 scholars. Twenty-four churches and congregations contributed to Home Missions $514.95, to other objects $870.89; total, $1385.84.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the year, by contributions, have been $7026.00; by legacies, $463.36. Income of permanent fund, $360.00. Making the total receipts, $7849.36. Of this sum, $1486.31, viz., $1198.31 in donations; $288.00 in legacies, were for the National Society, leaving $6,363.05 for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. To the $7849.36 are to be added $13,685.58, sent directly to the parent Society, without passing through our Treasury. Of this amount,

$13,172.60 were legacies; $512.98 donations. Whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions, during the year, $21,-534.94; which is $9,793.46 more than last year, and the largest sum ever contributed in one year, in the State, to the cause. This large increase is owing to unusually large legacies to the American Home Missionary Society. The receipts of the New Hampshire Missionary Society the present year are less than in the last, by $748.83. This is owing to less amount in legacies this year than last. In that year, the legacies to our Missionary Society were $1673.00; this year they were $175.36, a difference of $1497.64. Receipts from donations and income from funds, were this year $213.89 less than in 1868.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements this year have been $10,119.52; of which $2986.71 were paid to the American Home Missionary Society, $15.00 to a missionary in the West, $7118.21 were expended in New Hampshire, which is $755.16 more than the receipts for this year for expenditure in the State; so that, but for the balance in the Treasury at the close of last year, it would have been in debt to this amount. Balance in the Treasury August 15, 1869, $2589.16.

CENT INSTITUTION.

This right arm of the New Hampshire Missionary Society is becoming stronger from year to year. In the year of its formation, in 1805, its receipts were $5.00. The last year, including $200.00 income from the Memorial Fund, a daughter of the Cent Institution and co-operating with it, the receipts were $2602.28. During the sixty-five years of the existence of the Institution, its receipts have been $73,075.33; an average of $1124.23 per year. While we are made glad at the success of this most efficient auxiliary of our New Hampshire Missionary Society, we are filled with sadness at the small annual receipts from our churches and congregations. Their annual average is less than $3500.00 for the missionary cause in the State. In the year now reported, the

donations by the churches and congregations, for this cause, were $3254.77. For the American Home Missionary Society they were $1811.29. Total contributions by the churches and congregations, for both missionary societies, $5066.06; but a fraction more than double given by the Female Cent Societies. In the year ending August 15, 1868, eighty-seven of our one hundred and ninety-two Congregational and Presbyterian churches made no contributions to Home Missions. How long shall this painful delinquency continue?

MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund, commenced only four years since, has reached the amount of $3410.00. Its income the past year was $200.00. Its members, constituted such by the payment of $10.00 by themselves or friends, now number 341, and are constantly increasing. Its double object is, perpetuation of the memory of its founder and deceased patrons; and aid to the funds of the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Its funds are invested in our State and National securities, and Savings Banks. The great, unexpected success of the Memorial Fund shows the interest taken in it, and indicates that in time it must beeome, in itself, an important institution. The thought is delightful, that through it, christian females, though dead, yet speak! and will speak for the good of the cause for generations to come.

Details that can be exhibited in a compact form are embraced in the following general table, showing, in parallel columns:

1. An alphabetical list of churches aided, and the names of missionaries.
2. Dates of last commission.
3. Length of commission in months.
4. Amount of aid pledged for time named in preceding column.
5. Months of labor performed since last Report.
6. Average congregations.
7. Hopeful conversions.

8. Number of church members.
9. Number additions.
10. Number dismissions.
11. Number baptisms.
12. Number Sabbath school scholars.
13. Contributions to Home Missions.
14. Contributions to other objects.
15. Total contributions.

	CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor performed.	Average Congregations.	Hopeful Conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab. Sch. Scholars.	Contributions.		
								Male.	Female.	Total.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Mis'ns	Other objects	Total.
1.	Alstead, New.—Rev. S. H. Amsden,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	125 00	12	140	1	28	49	77								2		2	75	12 75	51 00	63 75
2.	Alstead.—Rev. F. B. Knowlton,	Apr. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	90		5	21	26	1	2	3			1	1	1	1	2	75	6 00	18 36	24 36
3.	Alton.—Mr. C. H. Park,	M'ch 25, '69	1¼	45 00	1¼																			
4.	Andover, East.—Rev. Howard Moody,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	300 00	7	80		6	12	18	4	2	6					2	1	3	106	30 60		30 00
5.	Canaan.— { Mr. J. H. O'Brien, Mr. A. W. Hubbard,	May 1, 1868	4	120 00	4	75		4	17	21		1	1								30			
		May 1, 1869	4		4																			
6.	Center Harbor.— { Mr. J. H. Bliss, Mr. C. M. Ferry,	May 1, 1868	4	120 00	4	75	5	17	25	43	4	5	9					4	4	8	50		25 00	25 00
		May 1, 1869	4		4																			
7.	Charlestown.—Rev. H. H. Sanderson,	Oct. 13, 1868	12	200 00	12	60	2	5	23	28		1	1		1		1				50	11 00		11 00
8.	Chatham.—Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 22, 1869	12	150 00	3	75		14	24	38											55	7 00	5 00	12 00
9.	Conway.—Rev. R. Kimball,	Feb. 1, 1868	12	125 00	12	125	6	23	68	94	6		6					3	5	8	100	31 75	155 46	188 21
10.	Croydon.—Mr. W. A. Spalding,	July 25, 1868	3½	52 50	3½			8	12	20					3		3							
11.	Dalton.—Rev. J. H. Farrar,	May 1, 1868	12	200 00	12																			
12.	Danbury.—Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	100	20	32	42	74	12	1	13	1	2		3	2	7	9	75	34 00	15 00	49 00
13.	Deering.—Rev. M. Holman,	July 1, 1868	12	187 50	12	75	3	8	30	38		1	1								65	10 00	27 60	37 60
14.	Dover, Belknap Ch'h.—Rev. C. C. Watson	June 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	140	20	17	61	78	12	3	15					2	12		170		30 00	30 00
15.	Dublin.—Rev. A. J. Fosdick,	May 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	55		5	10	15								1		14	55	6 50	23 00	29
16.	Effingham.—Rev. R. Kimball,	May 1, 1869	6	25 00	4																			
17.	Enfield.—Rev. V. I. Hartshorn,	May 20, 1869	12	200 00	12	80	8	8	26	34	1		1	1			1		1	1	50	11 00	11 00	22 00
18.	Enfield, East.— { Mr. A. H. Parker, Mr. C. H. Rodney,	May 1, 1868	4	67 50	4	60		6	18	24											30			
		May 1, 1869	4		4																			
19.	Epping.—Rev. J. H. Stearns,	June 1, 1868	12	250 00	12	120		13	39	52											119	45 93	115 95	220 50
20.	Gorham.— { Mr. G. W. Seiler, Rev. G. F. Tewksbury,	June 1, 1868	4	200 00	4	65	10	5	32	37	9	3	12					4	7	11	50	12 50	11 00	23 50
		Sept. 1, 1868	12		12																			
21.	Groton— { Rev. Liba Conant, Rev. A. W. Fiske,	Mar. 1, 1868	12	75 00	6	81		11	15	26				1			1				58			
		June 1, 1869	6		3																			
22.	Hebron.— { Rev. Liba Conant, Rev. George Butterfield,	Mar. 1, 1868	12	150 00	6																			
		May 1, 1869	12		4																			
23.	Kensington—Rev. E. D. Eldridge,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	90	3	10	39	49	4		4	2					2	2	83	12 00	76 00	88 00
24.	Kingston.—Rev. S. Bixby,	Feb. 1, 1869	12	100 00	12	75	4	8	38	43	6	2	8				2	2	4	6	90	27 40	73 75	101 15
25.	Langdon.—Mr. C. P. Sprowle,	July 25,	2	30 00	1																			
27.	Lempster.—Rev. B. Howe,	June 1, 1868	12	150 00	12	65	2	24	28	52					2		2				40	10 00	18 00	28 00

27.	Merrimack, South.— { Mr. E. S. Huntress / Mr. W. J. Patterson	July 1, 1868 / Mar. 25, 1869	2 / 2	60 00	2 / 2																				
28.	Meredith Village.—Rev. C. Burnham,	Dec. 1, 1868	12	125 00	12	125	6	13	43	50					1	4	5				80	44	81		44 81
29.	Milton Mills.—Rev. C. F. Page,	Sept. 1, 1868	12	187 00	12	75															70	20	00	9 00	29 00
30.	Newmarket, South— { Rev. J. T. Otis, / Rev. J. Bartlett,	June 1, 1868 / Dec. 1, 1868	12 / 12	200 00	6 / 9	70		4	17	21											40	50	00	20 00	70 00
31.	Newington.—Rev. F. Davis,	Nov. 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	150															60	20	00	5 00	25 00
32.	Ossipee Center.— { Rev. T. N. Lord, / Rev. D. S. Hibbard,	Oct. 13, 1868 / Nov. 22, 1868	12 / 12	100 00	12 / 9	57		15	33	48				2	3		5				45	12	35	15 04	27 39
33.	Ossipee Corner.—Rev. F. P. Smith,	Aug. 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	45															45				
34.	Plainfield.— { Mr. R. C. Bell, / Mr. George A. Seely,	May 1, 1868 / May 1, 1869	4 / 4	60 00	4 / 4	55	2	6	23	29	3		3	6	1		7	1	1	2	35	25	00	23 00	48 00
35.	Roxbury.—Rev. H. Colburn,	April 2, 1869	12	150 00	12	50		4	14	18	7		7						5	5	50				
36.	Sandwich, North.—Mr. J. T. Graves,	Aug. 1, 1868	2	30 00	2			11	16	27															
37.	Seabrook, South.—Mr. William A. Rand,	Aug. 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	150	20	12	16	28	1		1		1		1		1	1	150				
38.	Shelburne.—Rev. C. H. Titus,	May 1, 1868	5	60 00	5																				
39.	Stoddard.— { Rev. S. L. Gerould, / Rev. D. F. Savage,	Sept. 1, 1868 / Jan. 1, 1869	12 / 12	200 00	12 / 8	70															80				
40.	Wakefield.—Rev. D. D. Tappan,	Dec. 1, 1868	12	150 00	12	50	1	7	31	38		3	3	2			2				60	39	15	60 65	99 80
41.	Wilmot.—Rev. C. B. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	175 00	12	80	2	18	28	46	1		1					1	1	2	65	21	61	6 46	28 07
42.	Wolfboro', North,—Rev. F. P. Smith,	Aug. 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	45		4	12	16				1			1				35	5	00	5 00	10 00
43.	W. Stewartstown.— { Rev. F. Norwood. / Mr. N. F. Cobleigh.	Oct. 1, 1868 / May 1, 1869	2 / 4	60 00	2 / 4	94		5	22	27											60				

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead, New.*—"I cannot say there has been any marked religious interest," writes our missionary, "still, our Sabbath services have been well attended; good degree of interest shown in the word preached; prayer meetings well attended; some new families gathered into the Sabbath services; Sabbath school quite interesting, especially the concerts. We need a more earnest spirit of prayer; a stronger sympathy with Christ."

2. *Alstead.*—Some of the largest supporters of the gospel here have suffered a serious loss of property by fire, within the past year; but not discouraged, they still contribute commendably to its maintenance. This is, and has long been, a strong hold of Universalism. For some six or seven months of the past year its adherents had no regular preaching, during which, the congregation of our missionary averaged 115, or more on fair days. Since they have had public worship, which has lessened somewhat the audience of the Orthodox Church. Alstead is an important, hard field, made such, in part, by the influence of Abner Kneeland, who disseminated his destructive errors in this vicinity a half century ago.

3. *Alton.*—Regular preaching has been maintained here during the year, principally by students of Andover Seminary. Mr. C. W. Park of that Institution, performed a mission at Alton of eight weeks, during his spring vacation, to great acceptance of the people and with good results. The church there is very small, but citizens of the place are earnest in sustaining gospel institutions. They need and greatly desire a permanent ministry, which it hoped they may soon have.

4. *Andover, East.*—Our missionary enterprise in this part of the town, is new. For years missionaries labored in the central and west parts of the town, but for several years last past till the present, no regular Congregational preaching was

had in the town, nor much of any other denomination. A small Free Will Baptist Church in the "East," has had preaching more or less by students from the Seminary of that name at New Hampton. At the request of several men not connected with any church, Congregational preaching has been maintained there for more than a year past; Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., supplying till January last, when Rev. Howard Moody took his place under commission from the New Hampshire Missionary Society. There are members of a former Orthodox church scattered over the town, whom our missionary is endeavoring to bring together again in the support of the ordinances of the gospel. To his faithful, earnest labors to this end, it is hoped God may add his blessing. Under date of July 5th, Mr. Moody writes: "Yesterday we observed the communion for the first time since I commenced my labor here. Six out of the seven resident members were present. We had the pleasure of receiving six new members; four by letter, and two by profession. These are very valuable young men. I have some hope one of them may enter on a course of study for the ministry. The gospel, I think, is making a constantly increasing impression on those who regularly attend meeting. A Ladies' Cent Society has been formed, and we have taken a collection for Home Missions, which we are trying to make $30.00. The difficulties in our way are indifference, ignorance, minister-hating, whisky, Sabbath desecration, &c. We are expecting a number to join at our next communion.

5. *Canaan.*—So far as this field has been occupied for the past three years, it has been supplied by students, during their vacations of four months, from May to September, from the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. The present supply is Mr. A. W. Hubbard, who is well received. Within a year, two new places of worship have been established in the town; one at Factory Village, in the North part, and one at Canaan Depot, in the East section of the town. Within its limits, are some six or seven places of public worship. There is but little prospect the Congregational Church there will be self-sustaining.

6. *Center Harbor.*—Mr. J. H. Bliss was preaching here at our last anniversary. For some time after he left, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. J. B. Hadley, of Campton, under whose ministrations there was considerable religious interest, and some hopeful conversions. The interest continued through the winter and spring, in the absence of preaching. Prayer meetings were held with large attendance and much interest, three per week. Efforts were made to obtain a permanent preacher, but without success. About the first of June, Mr. C. M. Ferry, our missionary last year at Bethlehem and Franconia, began to serve here and continues with great acceptance to the people. He will leave about the first of September. Center Harbor is a difficult, but important field. It has had missionary aid from the first of the existence of the church there, and is likely to need it for years to come.

7. *Charlestown.*—Matters remain much as in many past years here. The Congregational Society consists of only four or five men; only four male members in the church. This town is a stronghold of religious error; the fruits of which are seen in desecration of the Sabbath, profanity, intemperance, hatred of evangelical truth, and of its adherents. "I cannot say," remarks the missionary, "we have made much progress during the year, yet we have done something. Two of our church members have made the Society a present of the Hall, back of the church, and we have put it in repair at an expense of $150.00. With the two rooms connected with it, it will make a very convenient place for our prayer meetings, sewing circles," &c. Our little church in this town struggles with great difficulties, and must continue to do so without special interposition of God.

8. *Chatham.*—This church is united with that in the adjoining town of Stowe, in Maine, in the support of the ministry. Both churches are small and feeble. Neither have yet a meeting house, but they intend to build one between them near the line separating the two towns. A Society has been organized for this purpose, materials are being procured; the building to be erected this season. Mr. Pike, our missionary there, is laboring earnestly in hope and faith.

9. *Conway.*—Rev. Reuben Kimball, who had labored faithfully in this town, at the "North" and the "South" for thirteen years, closed his services in January last. The church was desirous of his remaining their teacher, but he felt a younger and more healthy man would be more useful, and he resigned. During his ministry, seventy-five were added to the church. He is succeeded by Mr. Edward P. Eastman, a native of the town. Conway has become a place of large resort for summer pleasure residence; the effects of which, on the interests of godliness, in many respects, is unfavorable.

10. *Croydon.*—This church, for years, has had only occasional supplies. The last was Mr. William A. Spalding, of the Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine, who labored here between three and four months, from August to October of 1868. The church is greatly reduced, and must soon become extinct, without the special interposition of God to prevent.

11. *Dalton.*—Rev. H. Farrar, our missionary here for three years previously to May 1, 1869, closed his mission at that date. Earnest effort was made to secure a successor, but without success. A Methodist preacher is supplying the people for the present. The church there is near to extinction, in consequence of deaths and removals.

12. *Danbury.*—Our missionary writes: "A very pleasing revival we have had during the past winter, some of the conversions being of a very interesting and encouraging character. This church would gain strength, but for constant removals. It holds an important position as regards the missionary field generally. It would be a great calamity for it not to be well sustained." Hopeful conversions, 20; additions to the church 13, of whom 12 by profession.

13. *Deering.*—"In compairing the present with a year since, we are persuaded we have made some progress. More has been contributed to objects of benevolence. Our meetings on the Sabbath are well attended, and our prayer meetings interesting. Two will unite with the church, by profes-

sion, on the first Sabbath in July, and two others we expect on the first Sabbath in September; so we are laboring on in hope. Our heart's desire and prayer is, that God may convert and save this people." Thus writes our missionary.

14. *Dublin.*—Report: "We are witnessing more interest in religion than at any time before, since I have been in town. The first Sabbath in July, young ———— united with the church by profession, and from that time the interest has increased and deepened. Quite a number are anxiously enquiring the way of life. This is what I have been anxiously looking for, but had come almost to despair of ever seeing in this moral Sahara. May the Lord grant us a rich harvest of souls, and thus may his kingdom come here." Dublin is a very strong hold of Unitarianism.

15. *Dover.*—Belknap Church. This church sustained the ministry for several years last past without missionary aid; but is again on our list of aided churches. It occupies an important position in this growing city, and it is to be hoped it will ere long become permanently self-sustaining.

16. *Effingham.*—The church here, long destitute of regular Congregational preaching, is now favored with the labors (half of the time) of Rev. Reuben Kimball, late of Conway, who divides his time equally between Effingham and Parsonsfield, Maine, an adjoining town. Under his earnest, judicious, prayerful efforts, we may hope these feeble and long destitute churches will be revived and strengthened.

17. *Enfield.*—Under the acceptable and useful services of Mr. Hartshorn, the little church here holds its own, and makes some progress; but it cannot become strong until it has a meeting house, but such it is unable to build at present. It worships in a hall fitted for the purpose. This church is in a thriving village on the line of the Northern Railroad, and must be sustained.

18. *Enfield, East.*—This place is some six miles from Enfield; has a "Union meeting-house," in which missions of four months have been performed, for three years past, by students from Princeton Seminary. Our present incumbent

here is Mr. C. H. Rodney, from that Institution. No Congregational Church exists here, though several members of the church in Enfield reside at the "East," and attend the ministrations of our missionaries; indeed, are their principal pecuniary and moral supporters. The "East" is, in many respects, the most important part of the town, and needs the constant ministrations of the gospel.

19. *Epping.*—Matters move on here much as in many past years. No essential change. Average congregation about 120. Contributions to benevolent objects, $220.00, of which $45.43 to Home Missions. The pastor writes: "These small places that send away many of their young men, are doing something for larger places. I have recently been informed that a young man, who a few years ago was a member of this Sabbath school, is now Superintendent of a Sabbath school, and a Deacon of a newly organized Congregational Church in the State of New Jersey."

20. *Gorham.*—Rev. Mr. Tewksbury returned to this field, in which he had previously labored several years, on the first of September last, and finds much to encourage. He writes: "The past year of my commission has been one of unusual interest. We feel that we have enjoyed a truly precious revival. We have never before, in our labors with this people, known what it was to have so interesting and profitable meetings. Our Sabbath school library has been replenished the past season by the addition of $80.00 worth of new books. Our Society raised $55.00 for this object, and the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society made us a grant of books to the amount of $25.00. This is a new encouragement." Gorham, on the line of the Grand Trunk Railroad, where is a large amount of pleasure visitors in Summer, is one of our most important missionary districts, and should be carefully cultivated.

21. *Groton.* Rev. Liba Conant, who had faithfully labored here and at Hebron, for twenty years or more, on account of age and declining health, felt it duty to resign his charge about the first of October last, and removed to Orford. From

that time to June, there was but little preaching. At that time Rev. A. W. Fiske commenced preaching at Groton, where he is engaged for six months. The church here is small and feeble, but exhibits, in connection with a portion of the people of the town, commendable earnestness to enjoy the stated privileges of the sanctuary. During Rev. Mr. Conant's ministry, they had his services but half of the time. They desire and intend to have, if possible, the entire services of their minister.

22. *Hebron;* see *Groton.*—Rev. George Butterfield commenced serving this church and people May 1. They have made unusual, and for them, great effort to raise funds, with what they may obtain from our missionary, so to secure the undivided labors of their minister, who is doing what he can, in various ways, to promote their spiritual interests.

23. *Kensington.* Our missionary here continues his earnest, judicious, acceptable labors, for the welfare, social, intellectual, moral and spiritual, of his flock; and thus, as we should expect, with the divine blessing, truth is getting a stronger hold of the intellect and heart of his people; the church is acquiring solidity and reliableness of character. The children and youth are growing up with promise of usefulness. A son of the pastor is a member of Amherst College, preparing for the ministry.

24. *Kingston.* Mr. Bixby writes: "We cannot report any marked religious interest with us; yet there is no falling off, but an increase of attendance on the Sabbath worship. I trust there has been two cases of conversion recently."

25. *Lempster.*—No essential change in the state of this church and people, within the year. No organized religious society, aside from the church itself, which possesses but small pecuniary means. It sustained the ordinances of the gospel without foreign aid for some hundred years; but deaths and removals have so weakened it that it must have such aid in order to enjoy these ordinances longer.

26. *Langdon.*—For a few years past, the church here received the ministerial services of Rev. Moses Gerould, for

such compensation as they could render themselves. He has left within the present year, in consequence of impaired health. Now, if the church shall have preaching, they feel they must have missionary aid. Mr. C. P. Sprowle, member of the Seminary, Andover, is passing his fall vacation of two months with this church, under commission from our Missionary Society.

27. *Merrimack, South.*—This church has been supplied, most of the time for nearly two years past, by students from the Andover Seminary, who came on Saturday and returned on Monday, serving the church mostly for their travelling expenses. During vacations in the Seminary, students have labored here under commission from our Missionary Society, one of whom, we deeply regret to record, has recently met sudden death, Mr. William J. Patterson, a young man of much promise.

28. *Meredith Village.*—This church was entered on the list of aided churches in 1815, more than a half century since. It is becoming stronger, and pledges itself to assume the entire support of the gospel within some three years. Last winter a considerable religious interest prevailed in the church and congregation, resulting in several hopeful conversions. One hundred and thirty dollars have recently been raised for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

29. *Milton Mills.*—No Congregational church exists in this place. Remnants of a Baptist church unite with a small number of Congregationalists living here, in support of preaching of our order. Mr. Page states: "Our congregation, on the Sabbath, has never been larger than this summer, nor our Sabbath school more prosperous. Intemperance is still a crying evil amongst us, especially among our foreign population, Irish and Canadian French, connected with the mills. Our monthly concert has been kept up. Our progress in the right direction has been slow, still, I think there has been progress."

30. *New Market, South.*—Rev. J. T. Otis retired from missionary service here after six months from date of Com-

mission, and was at once followed by Rev. J. Bartlett, many years pastor at Buxton, Maine, who writes: "Our affairs are hopeful. We are endeavoring to prepare the way for an enlargement of our house of worship, that shall furnish free sittings to any who will accept them. There seems to be a steady and heartfelt interest in the services of the Sabbath, also in the Sabbath school."

31. *Newington.*—No church organization here yet. The religious society small. No other society or preaching in town. Most of the people little interested in sustaining preaching; little sympathy with ministers. A hard field, but one that should be cultivated.

32. *Ossipee Center.*—Rev. F. N. Lord left at the close of his commission in October, and has been succeeded by Rev. D. S. Hibbard, grandson of the venerated Rev. David Sutherland, many years pastor at Bath. The church is small. The religious society small, and must remain so, as churches of other names are in close proximity. But it is strictly Puritan and exerts and must exert a very healthful influence on the community.

33. *Ossipee Corner.*—No Congregational church here, though several members of the church at the Center reside in this part of the town, the seat of the Courts of Carroll county. Our missionary labors here half the time, the other half at North Wolfeborough. This is an important post; several county officers reside here, some of whom show deep interest in having the preaching of the gospel. Meeting-house about to be repaired, and a bell procured; Sabbath school flourishing; a new library; better attendance on Sabbath services than any time previously, since Mr. Smith came there. Prayer meeting weekly, well attended.

34. *Plainfield.*—Mr. Robert C. Bell, from Princeton Seminary, served here four months last year with acceptance and usefulness. Mr. George A. Seeley, from the same Seminary, commenced labor here May 1, 1869, commissioned for some length of time. He states: "During the summer, no special religious interest, though the effects of the little awakening

during the winter are still apparent in the case of a few. Weekly meetings for prayer have been sustained; a Sabbath evening meeting in the outskirts of the congregation; the good seed has been sown, and, we trust, will at some day bring forth an abundant harvest to the Great Husbandman." Preaching was had in this place most of the winter, by Rev. Mr. Catlin, living at Meriden.

35. *Roxbury.*—This is a very small town. Population, two hundred. Church is small; male members, four; female, fourteen; additions, by profession, seven; adult baptisms, five; several deeply moved, in view of their sins; others hopefully converted. Two young men, belonging to the town, are preparing for the ministry; one has just completed his academic course, the other nearly fitted for college by private study. Both are earnest and promising, fired with love to Christ. Their attendance on our meetings is encouragement to labor on in this barren field; and inspires the hope that the Lord may use some others of this feeble band, trained up on these hills, comparatively free from the vices of our large places, when they go out from us to life's great battle, to fill important places in his vineyard, "make them strong pillars in his church, and reapers in the great harvest."

36. *Sandwich, North.*—Mr. J. T. Graves, from the Andover Seminary, served here two months last year, August and September. Since then, there have been but two Sabbaths' preaching in the Congregational church. The trustees have assured the church of their readiness to assist them in sustaining the ordinances of the gospel, but few and feeble, they have not felt they could secure them with all the aid which would be proper to ask from our Missionary Society. For the present they worship, more or less, with the new Free-Will Baptist Church in their vicinity. Some excellent men and women belong to our little church here. We will hope they may, ere long, enjoy the ministrations of the gospel in their own recently repaired house of worship.

37. *Seabrook, South.*—Mr. Rand, our missionary, continues his arduous labors here amidst great difficulties and

under discouragements that would overwhelm most men. He has undertaken the erection of a house of worship for a very poor community, soliciting funds for the enterprise, in person, in the larger towns in this and the State of Massachusetts. The edifice is up, enclosed and painted; the basement fitted, rudely, for public worship. It will require large effort and toil to obtain the means to complete the structure, but Mr. Rand seems confident he will yet be able to secure them. Already he has obtained, and used on the building, some $3000. He has great influence over the people. They view him as their benefactor, as well they may. His congregation averages one hundred and fifty in a population of five hundred. Twenty hopeful conversions are reported. Sabbath school contains one hundred and fifty. New one are coming to the meeting and entering the Sabbath school. A great work is yet to be done here.

38. *Shelburne.*—Rev. E. H. Titus, formerly pastor at Beverly, Mass., now at Bethel, Maine, was laboring here at our last anniversary, on a mission of five months. Since its close, in October, there has been no regular preaching of any order in the town. No male members in the church, and but two or three females. To all human view, the church must soon become entirely extinct. Population of the town in 1860, three hundred and eighteen; now considerably less, probably, as emigration is constant. The gospel should be preached there, but no prospect of it at present.

39. *Stoddard.*—Rev. S. L. Gerould, our missionary here for several years, closed his services in September last, and is now pastor of the church in Goffstown. He was succeeded January 1st, by Rev. D. F. Savage. Deaths and removals, within a year or two past, have greatly weakened the church and much discouraged the few who remain. This is a very hard field; intemperance, Sabbath-breaking, and other immoralities, are prevalent. But there would be more but for the restraining influence of the public ministrations of the gospel.

40. *Wakefield.*—Our missionary here labors with untiring energy and fidelity, amid great discouragements. The

church contains but seven male members, most of whom are aged or infirm, and cannot often attend public worship; the few young female members are, more or less, absent; no male members on the ground under 40 years of age! "Yet this church occupies a position of importance in the region, having a good house of worship, with a fine bell, located so as to accommodate a considerable population, if they would attend. When the spirit of *Home Evangelization* shall fully take possession of our Zion here, may she lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes."

41. *Wilmot.* No essential change in this town within the year now reported. Mr. Tracy has been deeply afflicted by the death of his wife, an excellent christian lady, and is now left without any family at home. He writes his health is feeble, and it is doubtful whether he can remain our missionary much longer. But that ground should still be cultivated.

42. *Wolfeboro', North.* Mr. F. P. Smith gives to this church and people half his time and powers; the other half to Ossipee Corner. He can report no revival, but a prosperous Sabbath school of fifty-five members. The school has been greatly benefited by a legacy of a benevolent gentleman of Danvers, Mass., to this church, invested in Sabbath school books. These are read with interest and profit by parents and children, especially on Sabbaths when they have no preaching.

43. *West Stewartstown.* Rev. Francis Norwood, from Beverly, Mass., labored faithfully here during October and November last. The present incumbent is Mr. Cobleigh, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. His commission is for four months from May 1st. He writes that an increasing attendance is seen on the Sabbath and at the prayer meetings; Sabbath school flourishing. This is a wide missionary field, and should be constantly occupied by faithful men.

SHORT MISSIONS.

As in several years past, the trustees have employed members of theological seminaries to labor during their vacations of from two to four months, with churches unable to enjoy preaching the whole year. Vacations in different seminaries occurring at different seasons of the year, we have been able, in some instances, to secure to churches longer periods of missionary service than could otherwise have been done, by members of three or four seminaries. Disadvantages attend this measure; but the advantages are supposed to be greater. From the seminary, Princeton, N. J., within our financial year, we have commissioned Messrs. J. H. O'Brien and A. W. Hubbard to the church in Canaan; Messrs. A. H. Parker and C. H. Rodney, from the same institution, to Centre and East Enfield; also from the same, Messrs. Robert C. Bell and Geo. A. Seeley to Plainfield. From the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., Messrs. J. H. Bliss and C. M. Ferry to Centre Harbor, and Mr. N. F. Cobleigh, to West Stewartstown. Messrs. E. S. Huntress and Wm. J. Patterson, from Andover Seminary, to South Merrimack, C. W. Park to Alton, and J. F. Graves to North Sandwich. From the Bangor Seminary, Mr. Wm. A. Spalding to Croydon. All the churches, served by the above named young men, report not only entire satisfaction, but much interest in their labors in and out of the pulpit. The impression they leave is only good. They preach twice on the Sabbath, and occasionally on week days in school districts; hold weekly prayer-meetings, encourage Sabbath schools, and visit from house to house for religious conversation and prayer. In these various ways they make themselves very useful. An evil, however, is incident, that cannot be avoided. Many of these young ministers are superior, attractive men, so interesting the churches which they serve that they will not be satisfied with ordinary pulpit performances, but become fastidious and demand an order of preachers they cannot support. What shall be done? Shall we cease

to employ such young men for our feeble churches, to avoid the evil in question? Then, many such churches can have little or no ministerial service from any quarter, for ordained ministers with families cannot be obtained for such services. The trustees feel the evil in the case; but they deem it greater evil that numbers of our feeble churches should have no ministrations of the gospel at all.

DECAYING CHURCHES NOT TO BE HASTILY ABANDONED.

Christ says of his people, "Ye are the salt of the earth; the light of the world." How has the truth of these words been illustrated by the history of the church and the world! It is seen in the influence of the church of Christ in all nations where it has existed; though its light has shone and still shines too dimly, it has substituted civilization for the lowest barbarism; refinement for degredation; knowledge for ignorance; energy for listlessness; industry for idleness; love of order for confusion; and morals for vice and crime; the fear of God for the service of Satan. All this is seen in different portions of nominally christian lands. It is verified by the intellectual, moral and religious condition of different communities of our own little commonwealth. In towns, in which, from their first settlement, evangelical churches have existed and have maintained without interruption an educated godly ministry, we find, generally, a high order of society, characterized by intelligence, refinement, energy, industry, thrift, temperance, whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, keeping the Sabbath and reverencing the sanctuary. In towns originally settled without a christian church, and a godly ministry, or in which such a church and ministry have disappeared, there we find the absence of these varied excellences of character, and in their place their opposites—a revolting condition of things. An illustration: In a town in

this State, settled more than a century ago, in which a christian church was early planted, over which was settled a godly ministry, and in which, for more than half a century, was a sober, moral, church-going, religious people, a sad change has occurred. The church, from various causes, declined in character and strength, became fitful and irresolute in support of the ministry, until it is now all but extinct. Their once beautiful house of worship is in ruins. What is the result to the morals and character of the existing inhabitants of the town? Hear the testimony of the almost only remaining male member of the church in that town. In a letter to the Secretary on the first instant, he says: "A Mr. F., an Adventist, took possession of the school-house, where we ordinarily meet, and has held it ever since. He has been joined by the "Come-outers" of every name; so that our little school house has been turned into a miniature Pandemonium. To-day, a blind female preached there. The moral state of this community may be imagined, but cannot be easily described. Ever since we have been destitute of a pastor, the morals of the people have been rapidly deteriorating. The religious element has been too small and weak to give tone to public sentiment. The consequence is, C. has become one of the waste places of the land." The same sad tale might be told of numerous other towns in the State, once in a healthful condition of morals, under the influence of an instructive, faithful, christian ministry, but now, for years past, destitute of such. Many other towns, in which our feeble churches are located, would inevitably deterioate in like manner, were these to become extinct. How important then to raise and keep them alive as long as possible! This should be done for other considerations; principally, that souls may be converted and saved, and in connection, that christian ministers may be raised up to supply in future these feeble and other churches. It is a well known fact that such are reared in much larger numbers in our rural than in our large manufacturing and mercantile towns and cities. Goodly numbers of ministers have come and are still coming from our mission

churches. Two of the sons of our very feeble church in Roxbury are now in a course of education for the ministry; a son, also, of our missionary at Deering; another, of our missionary at Kensington. These two are now in college. The great defficiency of well educated, efficient ministers, to meet the demands of the home and foreign fields, would become greater, were our feeble churches to die out.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Much home missionary work needs yet to be done in our own little state. Indeed, its necessities are not much less to-day than when our New Hampshire Missionary Society was first organized. But New Hampshire is less than one four hundredth part of our national territory; more than three-fourths of which is missionary ground. More than that proportion of our national domain lies west of the Mississippi river, nearly all of which is such ground. Such, too, is more than half the territory east of that river. It may be safely stated, that of the nearly 4,000,000 square miles, over which our national flag waves, 3,000,000 are either yet to be planted with the institutions of the gospel, or the few such institutions now existing in some limited sections of this vast area, are to-day, most of them, in need of missionary aid for their support. Never before was such a tide of immigration flowing into our country as now. It comes both from Europe and Asia, dashing against both our Atlantic and Pacific shores; the tides rolling inward from the east and west, till they meet and mingle and spread over our immense national territory, bearing on their waves Jew and Gentile, Barbarian and Scythian; the Chinese idolator, the adherents of the man of sin; the Mormon, the rationalist, the infidel, the atheist; the Sabbath breaker, the despiser of the sanctuary—vast hordes, impatient of all moral and governmental restraint.

Now the fact is known and read of all men, that the original settlers of towns and states, give them a sort of permanent character. If the character of such settlers be good, if they are intelligent, moral, fearing God, keeping the Sabbath and reverencing the sanctuary; if early in their settlement they establish religious and educational institutions, and support them, they give to the places of their residence, for generations, corresponding character; so if the character of the first settlers be the opposite of all this. See it illustrated in the history and character of the towns and colonies settled by the New England Pilgrims, on the one hand; on the other, in the history and character of Canada East, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Eutah. The irreligious, the infidel, the anti-christian, the heathen communities now settling on the lines of the great Pacific Railroad, and its branches, will impart their own character to their posterity for generations, unless gospel institutions shall be established in them in their forming period. How can this be done? In no way but through home missions.

It is cause for devout gratitude to God that all our evangelical denominations of christians see and feel this, and are acting under this conviction with more or less energy. All are sending, or making preparation to send, their pioneers to the new settlements, not only on the lines of our great national railway, but to the growing towns and cities, in all parts of our great country.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Among the various home missionary societies and boards, the *American Home*, to which our own State Society is auxiliary, occupies a grand, imposing position. Its fields now stretch from Lake Superior to the Rio Grande, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Its missionaries, numbering 972, ministering to 1956 congregations and missionary districts, in 28 different states and territories, are sowing the

seeds of piety, morality, good order, education, obedience to law, benevolence, patriotism, philanthropy. Conservatives are they and the churches which they organize, and to which they minister, of whatsoever things are lovely and of good report in the domestic and social relations; in civil government, in national existence. More than all, instrumentally, they are preparing untold multitudes for a glorious immortality. No finite mind can estimate the value of home missionary enterprise to the present and to the future millions of our countrymen. Let this enterprise then take strong hold of our hearts; let it stimulate us to more prayerful, earnest effort for its success.

In behalf of the Trustees,

WILLIAM CLARK, *Secretary*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15TH, 1869.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY in account with BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Treasurer*.

		Dr.
To paid feeble churches, congregations and missionaries,		$5,484 07
American Home Missionary Society, donated by Trustees,	$1,500	
American Home Missionary Society, donated by churches and individuals,	1,198 31	
American Home Missionary Society, legacies,	288 00	
		2,986 31
Rev. Wm. Clark, Secretary, salary, $1,000; his traveling expenses, $180; postage on letters and circulars, $30.38; stationery, $15.04; circulars, $4.50; stamps, $1.62, and expressage, $1.00,		1,232 54
Salary of Treasurer, $150 00; his bill for postage, stamps, stationery and expressage, $27 74,		177 74
McFarland & Jenks, for printing Annual Report,		132 84
Salary of the Treasurer of the Cent Institution,		30 00
Rev. Charles Shedd,		15 00
Counterfeit scrip,		4 00
Balance carried to new account,		2,589 16
		$12,651 66
		Cr.
By balance from last year's account,		$4,904 70
Donations from churches and individuals,		3,187 97
Donations from the N. H. Female Cent Institution,		2,402 28
Legacies,		175 36
Donations for the American Home Missionary Society,		1,298 35
Legacies for the American Home Missionary Society,		288 00
Income of the Permanent Fund,		160 00
Interest of the Memorial Fund,		200 00
Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark,		20 00
Cash for a western missionary,		15 00
		$12,651 66

I have examined the account and vouchers of B. P. Stone, for the year closing August 15, 1869, and find them correct; leaving a balance in his hands of two thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixteen cents, ($2,589.16.) S. G. LANE, Auditor.

The whole amount received from all sources, during the year, is $7,849.36. Of this sum, $1,486.31, including $288.36 in legacies, were for the American Home Missionary Society, leaving $6,363.05 for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Of this sum, $2,602.28, including $200 interest of the Memorial Fund, were from the Female Cent Institution; $175.36 legacies, $160 income of the Permanent Fund, $20 from Rev. Wm. Clark, for supplying pulpits, and $15 for a western missionary; leaving $3,390.41, donations by churches and individuals.

There have been paid directly to the American Home Missionary Society, $512.98 in donations, and $13,172.60 in legacies, making the whole sum paid to the American Home Missionary Society, from this State, during the year, including $1,500 appropriated by the Trustees, $16,671.89; and the whole sum raised in the State for the cause, $21,534.94; the largest amount ever before raised in one year.

The disbursements during the year have been $10,119.52, of which $7,118.21 were expended in this State. Compared with last year, the total receipts are $748.83 less; for the American Home Missionary Society, $12,830.64 more; for the Cent Institution $182.18 more; from churches and individuals $184.86 less. Total received for the cause, $9,724.90 more. The Memorial Fund is now $3,410; increase during the year, $900.

RECEIPTS.

Acworth—Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Mrs. T. M. Dickey life member, $19; Ladies' Charitable Society in full to constitute Mrs. Dickey life member, $19.70,	$38 70
Alstead—Congregational church and society, $6: B. H. Fisher, $1.50,	7 50
Amherst—Congregational church and society to constitute Dr. Edward Aiken and Mrs. Sarah C. Aiken life members,	80 00
Bath—Congregational church and society to constitute George Wallace life member, 29.11; Rev. Asa Mann, $15; C. C. Hutchins, in part to constitute life member, $10,	54 11
Bedford—Presbyterian church and society,	56 41
Bennington—Individual,	3 00
Campton—Congregational church and society,	14 85
Candia—Congregational church and society, to constitute Edmund Hill life member, $83.55; E. Hill and wife, $3; cash 5,	91 55
Canterbury—Congregational church and society,	17 04
Chester—Congregational church and society, to constitute Dearbor Knowles life member, $30, Isaac Lane, in part to constitute his daughter, Martha B. Lane, life member, $10,	40 00
Chichester—Congregational church and society,	6 50
Claremont—Congregational church and society, $9.40; ditto, to constitute Dea. Wm. E. Thompson and Geo. H. Whitcomb, life members, $57,02.	66 42
Colebrook—Congregational church and society,	13 00
Cornish—Mrs. J. Corning,	1 00
Croydon—Seth Littlefield, $10; George W. Littlefield, Union, Union county, New York, $19.	29 00
Concord—First Congregational church and society, $45; ditto, to constitute Calvin Smart and Hiram J. Carter life members of American Home Missionary Society, $90.81; Mrs. Charlotte Wolson, for American Home Missionary Society, $500.	635 81
Concord, East—Congregational church and society,	6 00
Concord West—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Rev. A. B. Putnam life member,	20 20
Concord, South—Congregational church and society,	45 00
Dalton—Congregational church and society,	9 11

Deerfield—Congregational church and society, for American Home Missionary Society,	20 00
Deering—Congregational church and society,	10 00
Derry—First Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Mrs. Sarah Cromby and Mrs. S. D. Parsons life members, $40.75; First Church, to constitute Ebenezer Cogswell and Frank W. Parker, life members American Home Missionary Society, $60.00,	100 75
Dublin—Congregational church and society,	6 30
Durham—Congregational church and society,	83 00
Dunbarton—Congregational church and society,	10 00
East Andover—Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Jos. Cogswell life member,	17 60
Epping—Congegational church and society,	33 68
Enfield—Congregational church and society,	6 00
Exeter—Second Congregational church and society,	127 00
Farmington—Congregational church and society,	32 65
Fisherville—Congregational church and society, to constitute Rev. A. W. Fiske, Calvin Gage, J. L. Martin life members of A. H. M. S.	90 00
Francestown—Congregational church and society, $72.77; Israel Bachelder, $125; Joseph Kingsbury, for the A. H. M. S., $50,	247 77
Gilmanton—Congregational church and society,	15 67
Goffstown—Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. A. E. Warren life member,	30 00
Gorham—Congregational church and society,	20 50
Greenland—Congregational church and society,	34 50
Groton—Parker Blood, life member of American Home Missionary Society,	30 00
Hampton—Congregational church and society,	11 50
Hampstead—Congregational church and society, $17; ditto, for the American Home Missionary Society, $7,	24 00
Haverhill—Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. Hannah L. Bailey life member,	43 78
Hancock—Congregational church and society,	12 77
Hanover Center—Congregational church and society,	4 00
Henniker—Congregational church and society, $50; to constitute Mrs. Laura W. Clarke life member of American Home Missionary Society, $75,	120 00
Hollis—Congregational church and society, for American Home Missionary Society, $118.85; John Shedd, for American Home Missionary Society, $50; Mrs. R. Lovejoy, to constitute her daughter, Mrs. Susan E. Gates, life member of American Home Missionary Society, $30,	198 85

Hopkinton—Congregational church and society,	25 00
Hudson—Daniel Gage, to constitute Daniel T. Gage, Mrs. Maria K. Gage and Mrs. Mary E. Gage, life members of American Home Missionary Society,	90 00
Jaffrey—Congregational church and society,	12 00
Keene—First Congregational church and society, $56; A friend $5; Ladies' Heshbon Society, $25; Second Congregational church and society monthly concert, $48.56; ditto, church and society, $27.33,	161 89
Kensington—Congregational church and society,	12 00
Kingston—Congregational church and society,	9 00
Laconia—Congregational church and society,	17 50
Langdon—Congregational church and society,	4 00
Lebanon—Congregational church and society,	27 00
Lempster—Congregational church and society,	9 70
Lisbon—Mrs. Woodworth, $1; C. P. Newcomb, $5,	6 00
Littleton—Congregational church and society, for American Home Mission Society,	22 00
Lyme—Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. Thomas Lambert, Benjamin C. Newell and Frank E. Dimick, life members of American Home Missionary Society,	100 00
Manchester—First Congregational church and society, $35.75; ditto, to constitute Charles R. Morriaon, Dea. Henry Clough, Leonard French, Dea. Peter K. Chandler, Geo. P. Rockwell, Horace Pettee, Daniel Farmer, and Horace P. Watts, life members of American Home Missionary Society, $254.50,	290 25
Manchester—Second church, $6; B. Southworth, to constitute Miss Martha W. Hubbard life member of American Home Missionary Society, $30,	36 00
Mason—Congregational church and society,	3 50
Mason—Second Congregational church and society,	5 00
Marlborough—Congregational church and society, for the American Home Missionary Society,	2 75
Merrimack—Congregational church and society, $60; Rev. W. Pratt, $2,	62 00
Meredith Village—Congregational church and society, $17: Rev. C. Burnham, $5,	22 00
Milton Mills—Congregational church and society,	9 55
Mont Vernon—Dea. Wm. Conant, to constitute his daughter, Martha E. Conant, life member of American Home Missionary Society,	30 00
Moultonborough—Mrs. Maratha H. Dodge, annual subscriber, two years,	4 00

Nashua—Olive Street church and society, $77.74; Pearl Street church and society, $108.98,	186 72
Newport—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Mrs. Susan Davis, and in part to constitute James Karr, life members, two payments,	52 97
New Alstead—Congregational church and society,	4 00
North Hampton—Mrs. Mary R. Chapman, to constitute Dea. S. Chapman life member,	30 00
North Conway—Congregational church and society, $20.15; Mrs. Ruth Colby, $5; R. K. $2.	27 15
Nelson—Congregational church and society.	10 90
Newington—Congregational society.	9 00
Ossipee Center—Congregational church and society.	12 35
Pembroke—Congregational church and society, two pay-payments to constitute Rev. Rufus A. Putnam life member,	37 77
Pelham—Congregational church and society, $36.60; Mrs. H. C. Wyman, for the American Home Missionary Society, $20,	56 60
Peterborough—Congregational church and society.	5 00
Pittsfield—Congregational church and society.	34 65
Raymond—Congregational church and society.	20 10
Plainfield—Rev. Jacob Scales and others.	9 50
Rindge—Ladies' Charitable Society, $28.65; church and society, $10.78.	39 43
Rye—Rev. Giles Leach,	5 00
Sanbornton—Congregational church and society,	28 00
Sanbornton Bridge—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Jason Foss nnd Richard Firth of Northfield life members,	43 42
Salisbury—Congregational church and society.	7 00
South Merrimack—Rov. D. Sawyer, $4; A friend $5,	9 00
Seabrook and Hampton Falls—Congregational church and society,	12 50
Stoddard—Balance of last year's collection,	75
Stratham—Congregational church and society, to constitute Caleb Wiggin life member of American Home Missionary Society,	30 00
Sullivan—Congregational church and society.	14 00
South Newmarket—Congregational church and society,	10 10
Tamworth—Congregational church and society,	11 00
Troy—Congregational church and society,	22 58
Warner—Congregational church and society, in full for Mrs. Judith Stewart, and in part for Gilman A. Bean, life members,	23 42
Wakefield—Congregational church and society,	14 16
Walpole—Congregational church and society,	48 10
Washington—Congregational church and society,	17 00
Webster—Congregational church and society,	25 10

Wilmot—Congregational church and society,	21 15
Wilton—Congregational church and society, two collections,	59 00
West Lebanon—Congregational church and society, to constitute Rev. John M. Edwards life member.	35 00
Wolfeborough—Congregational church and society,	9 25

LEGACIES.

Durham—Legacy of Miss Griffin,	$100 00
Portsmouth—Legacy of Esther Mullenox,	75 36
Peterborough—Legacy of Moses Wilkins $200, less tax $12, for the American Home Missionary Society,	188 00
New London—Legacy of Sarah Brown, for the American Home Missionary Society.	100 00
	$463 36

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rockingham County Conference.	$17 00
Merrimack County Conference.	12 08
Sullivan County Conference,	15 90
For a needy western missionary,	15 00
Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark,	20 00
A Friend in Rockingham County.	2 00
Income of Permanent Fund.	160 00
N. H. Cent Institution,	2,602 28
	$2,844 18

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

COUNTIES.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford. Belknap and Carroll,.....	April, May.	June, July.	August, September	October, November	December, January	February, March,
Merrimack,.....	June, July.	August, September	October, November	December, January	February, March.	April, May.
Rockingham,.....	August, September	October, November	December, January	February, March,	April, May.	June, July,
Hillsborough,.....	October, November	December, January	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September
Cheshire and Sullivan,.....	December, January	February, March,	April, May.	June, July.	August, September	October, November
Grafton and Coos,.....	February, March,	April, May.	June, July,	August, September	October, November	December, January

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication. †Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. ‡Also, American Foreign and Christian Union.

TABLE,

Showing the Places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, *and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.*

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	51.63
1802—Concord,	386.62
1803—Concord,	309.46
1804—Concord,	406.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1,290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1,288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—Keene,	2,807.98
1816—Concord,	2,633.36
1817—Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—Dover,	2,427.10
1819—Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—New Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1,755,18
1823—Acworth,	1.846.20
1824—Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—Durham,	1,872.07
1827—Rindge	3,263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—Newport,	2,416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—Concord	2,371.34
1832—Amherst,	5,820.75
1833—Keene,	5,067.66
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24
1835—Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836—Exeter	4,942.02
1837—Claremont,	5,506.14
1838—New Ipswich,	5,396.81
1839—Lyme,	4,616.37
1840—Hampton,	4,596.83

1841—Francestown,	5,187.03
1842—Dover,	5,361.11
1843—Nashua,	5,730.36
1844—Concord (South),	7,582.66
1845—Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846—Newport,	9,027.15
1847—Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	6,050.51
1848—Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849—Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850—Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851—Acworth,	9,948.47
1852—Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1853—Littleton,	10,461.21
1854—Derry,	8,417.53
1855—Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856—Exeter, First Church,	6,690.47
1857—Keene,	8,148.55
1858—Hampton,	6,732.26
1859—Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860—Claremont,	7,258.60
1861—Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1862—Concord, South Church,	7,182.49
1863—Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864—Manchester,	7,556.61
1865—Newport,	8,589.13
1866—Dover,	20,064.51
1867—Nashua,	12,068.17
1868—Concord, North Church,	11,810.04
1869—Keene,	22,932.54
Total amount raised in sixty-eight years,	$345,257.14

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and, in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He

shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES, AUGUST 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?

2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*

3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?

4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?

5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?

6. What is the least amount of aid needed?

7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?

8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?

9. Do you receive aid from any other source, and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly dis-

*The answer to this question should include Bank, Railroad, United States and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

charge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property, that is, $12.50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary from this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will coöperate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1¼ per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1861, raised the percentage rule from one per cent to one

and one quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, namely:

1. What the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members, male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1, by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms, infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year, by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath school?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New Hampshire Missionary Society?

19. What the amount to all other religious charities?

20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. William Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Application may be made to the treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of the *Home Missionary* for New Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the secretary.

Orders on the treasury to be drawn by the secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS WITHIN THE YEAR.

Aiken, Dr. Edward, Amherst.
Aiken, Mrs. Sarah C., Amherst.
Bailey, Mrs. Hannah L., Haverhill.
Blood, Parker, (A. H. M. S.,) Groton.
Bradford, Mrs. Robert, Francestown.
Burnham, Mrs. John C., Dover.
Blanchard, Mrs. Lydia, Francestown.
Clark, Mrs. Laura W., (A. H. M. S.,) Henniker.
Clough, Dea. Henry, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Chandler, Dea. Peter K., (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Carter, Hiram J., (A. H. M. S.,) Concord.
Cromby, Mrs. Sarah, Derry.
Cogswell, Ebenezer, (A. H. M. S.,) Derry.
Conant, Miss Martha E., (A. H. M. S.,) Mont Vernon.
Cook, Dea. Jason, Campton.
Chapman, Dea. S., North Hampton.
Cogswell, Joseph, East Andover.
Dumas, Frank E., (A. H. M. S.,) Lyme.
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Davis, Mrs. Sarah, Newport.
Durgin, Mrs. Charles, East Andover.
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Emmons, Mrs. H. V., Lancaster.
French, Leonard, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Farmer, David, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Firth, Richard, Northfield.
Foss, Jason, Tilton.
Freeman, Mrs. George E., Milford.
Fisk, Rev. A. W., (A. H. M. S.,) Fisherville.
Gage, Calvin, (A. H. M. S.,) Fisherville.
Gage, Daniel T., (A. H. M. S.,) Hudson.
Gage, Mrs. Maria K., (A. H. M. S.,) Hudson.
Gage, Mrs. Mary E., (A. H. M. S.,) Hudson.
Gates, Mrs. Susan E., (A. H. M. S.,) Hollis.
Gage, Mrs. Priscilla P., Fisherville.
Gerould, Mrs. Laura A., Goffstown.
Hill, Edmund, Candia.
Hubbard, Miss Martha W., (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Haywood, Mrs. Mary, Hollis.
Holmes, Mrs. Frederick M., Londonderry.
Hazeltine, Mrs. Sarah, Chester.
Jackson, Mrs. Josiah, Centralia, Kansas.
Knowles, Dearbon, Chester.
Lambert, Mrs. Thomas, (A. H. M. S.,) Lyme.
Lawrence, Mrs. Augusta, New Boston.
LeBosquet, Mrs. Martha P., Danbury.

Martin, J., (A. H. M. S.,) Fisherville.
Morrison, Hon. Charles R., (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Mann, Rev. Asa, Bath.
Moulton, Mrs. Susan P., Dover.
Moulton, Dea. Alvah P., Dover.
Newell, Benjamin C., (A. H. M. S.,) Lyme.
Pettee, Horace, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Putnam, Rev. H. B., West Concord.
Putnam, Rev. Rufus A., Pembroke.
Parsons, Mrs. S. D., (A. H. M. S.,) Derry.
Parker, Frank W., (A. H. M. S.,) Derry.
Peabody, Rev. Charles, Epsom.
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Richardson, Mrs. B. E., West Lebanon.
Russell, Mrs. Wm. M., Plymouth.
Smart, Calvin, (A. H. M. S.,) Concord.
Smart, Mrs. Hiram, Nashua.
Smith, Mrs. S. P., West Lebanon.
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Stone, Mrs. Ira, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Stewart, Mrs. Judith, Warner.
Thompson, Mrs. E., Claremont.
Thayer, Miss Catherine O., Exeter.
Tarbell, Mrs. Betsey, Francestown.
Tyson, Mrs. Ira, Bedford.
Warren, Mrs. A. E., Goffstown.
Watts, Horace P., (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Wallace, George, Bath.
Whitcomb, George A., Claremont.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT MILFORD, AUGUST 23-25, 1870.

WITH THE

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OF THE

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1871.

Annual meeting at Laconia, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1871.

Preacher of the Opening Sermon to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements. (See Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1.)

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Manchester; substitute, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord.

Standing Committee of Nominations (Art. VII, Sec. 3), Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme; Rev. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton.

Committee of Arrangements (Art. VII, Sec. 1), Rev. H. M. Stone, Laconia; Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton; D. S. Prescott, M. D., Laconia.

Subject of Essay: Can catechetical instruction be employed more effectually to indoctrinate the young in the principles of Christianity? if so, in what manner? *Essayist*, Rev. F. Alvord, primary; Rev. G. E. Freeman, substitute.

Questions for Discussion. 1. How shall the pastoral office be reinstated in the affections and usages of the churches which have adopted other and less permanent methods of sustaining the preached word? *To lead the discussion:* Rev. F. D. Ayer and Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

2. Ought the female members of our churches to engage orally in all the devotional exercises of the church prayer meetings? *To lead the discussion:* Rev. G. R. W. Scott and Rev. J. S. Black.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 26 churches. Meets the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Marlborough, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $23.

Coös, 8 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $5.

Grafton, 22 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Edwards, West Lebanon, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $22.

Hillsborough, 33 churches—29 Cong., 4 Presb. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Edward Aiken, M. D., Amherst, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, Nashua, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $52.

Merrimack, 25 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. B. Putnam, West Concord, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

Rockingham, 33 churches—31 Cong., 2 Presb. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Strafford, 31 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. C. C. Watson, Dover, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary—Rev. GEORGE M. ADAMS, Portsmouth.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, Warner.

Secretary of Sabbath Schools—Rev. GEORGE DUSTAN, Peterborough.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church

in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. Meeting and Organization. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceeding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Secretary of Sabbath Schools, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the times and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools to present a brief annual report, embracing facts and statistics in regard to the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the State, with such recommendations as may be suggested thereby; this report to be open to a general discussion.

5. These secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

6. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a statistical scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statis-

tical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

7. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associates.

VII. COMMITTEES. 1. At each meeting of the Association a committee of arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a committee of inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate two questions of religious doctrine or practice for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate two persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each, to be followed by a general discussion; speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprise, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing committee of nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceedings. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees, and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegate from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the Moderator. The substance only of letters to be communicated, unless of special interest.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Report of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools, to be followed by discussion.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

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4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

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uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire convened for its Sixty-first Annual Meeting, in the Congregational Meeting-house in Milford, Tuesday, August 23, 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth. Text, Luke 15 : 1. "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him." Theme—How may those who habitually neglect the means of grace be reached with christian influences?

After the sermon, the preacher took the chair, and the following persons were enrolled as Members of the Association:

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton; Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith; Rev. M. T. Runnells, Sanbornton.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. C. W. Wallace, Manchester; Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Manchester.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst; Rev. D. C. Frink, New-Boston; Rev. Geo. Goodyear, Temple; Rev. D. Goodwin, Mason; Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, Nashua.

Hopkinton—Rev. Wm. T. Savage, Franklin; Rev. S. S. Morrill, Henniker; Rev. J. B. Cook, Salisbury; Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; Rev. H. B. Putnam, West Concord; Rev. Geo. Smith, East Concord.

Monadnock—Rev. Elijah Harmon, Winchester; Rev. H. H. Colburn, Roxbury; Rev. Charles Willey, Nelson; Rev. C. M. Palmer, Harrisville; Rev. L. Brigham, Troy; Rev. J. L. Merrill, Marlborough.

Orange—Rev. Asa Mann, Bath; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton.

Piscataqua—Rev. Franklin Davis, Newington; Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, Farmington; Rev. T. V. Haines, North-Hampton; Rev. A. B. Peabody, Stratham.

Sullivan—Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport; Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Meriden.

Suncook—Rev. Mark Gould, Chichester.

Union—Rev. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough; Rev. S. H. Partridge, Greenfield.

White River—Prof. E. D. Sanborn, Hanover.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. Cha's P. Locke; Bro. O. D. Converse; Dea. Barrett Ripley; Bro. S. W. Hale.

Hillsborough—Doct. Edward Aiken, Amherst; Bro. N. H. Brown, Merrimack; Dea. Cha's Gage, Bedford; Dea. J. B. Wilson, Mason; Bro. L. H. Woodward.

Merrimack—Dea. R. L. French, Pittsfield; Dea. S. K. Hoyt; Dea. E. Little; Dea. C. Stone.

Coös—

Grafton—Bro. F. Bartlett, Bristol; Dea. Wm. G. Brown, Campton; Dea. D. C. Churchill, Lyme.

Rockingham—Doct. S. Brown, Deerfield; Bro. E. Hill; Dea. Cha's Robinson; Dea. James Perkins, Hampton.

Strafford—Dea. A. B. Sanborn, Sanbornton.

Sullivan—

Dartmouth College—Prof. H. E. Parker, Hanover.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. G. M. Adams, Portsmouth, Secretary.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Geo. Dustan, Peterborough, Secretary Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Geo. E. Freeman, Milford; Rev. H. M. Stone, Laconia, Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme; Rev. A. Tobey, Durham, Committee on Nominations.

Rev. J. A. Leach, Keene; Rev. J. W. Chickering, Exeter; Rev. G. I. Bard, Dunbarton; Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord, Essayist, &c.

Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Miss. Society.

Rev. Isaac Willey, Pembroke, Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

Rev. B. P. Stone, Concord, Treasurer N. H. Bible Society.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville, Secretary M. and W. Charitable Fund.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. E. Roy, General Association, Illinois.
" S. H. Tolman, " Massachusetts.
" G. G. Perkins, " Missouri.
" J. W. Pickett, " Iowa.
" Lewis Grout, General Convention, Vermont.
" Sylvanus Hayward, General Conference, Maine.

Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst, was elected Moderator; Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton, Scribe, and Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Meriden, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Geo. E. Freeman was appointed Chairman of Committee of Arrangements, in place of Rev. A. F. Marsh, absent.

Rev. E. B. Claggett was appointed on the Committee of Nominations, in place of Rev. J. M. Stowe, removed from the State, and Rev. C. E. Milliken was appointed in place of Rev. A. Tobey, retiring.

The Secretary read a letter from the General Conference of Ohio, concerning the calling of a National Council of Congregational Churches; referred to a committee, to consider and report upon—nominated by the chair, and consisting of Rev. G. M. Adams, Rev. B. P. Stone, and Dea. O. D. Converse.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part; report accepted.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. After singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Goodyear, Rev. H. S. Huntington read the narrative of the state of religion. Revival incidents were mentioned by Revs. J. Chapman, G. M. Adams, and H. M. Stone. Rev. George Dustan, State Sabbath School Secretary, made report. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. L. Woodworth. A hymn was sung.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies reported—Rev. H. M. Stone, to the General Assembly, Presbyterian, attended in

in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceeding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Secretary of Sabbath Schools, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the times and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools to present a brief annual report, embracing facts and statistics in regard to the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the State, with such recommendations as may be suggested thereby; this report to be open to a general discussion.

5. These secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

6. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a statistical scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statis-

tical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

7. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associates.

VII. Committees. 1. At each meeting of the Association a committee of arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a committee of inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate two questions of religious doctrine or practice for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate two persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each, to be followed by a general discussion; speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprise, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing committee of nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceedings. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees, and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegate from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the Moderator. The substance only of letters to be communicated, unless of special interest.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Report of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools, to be followed by discussion.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

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DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

BODY TO BE VISITED.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, 1871.	PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
General Conference, Maine,	Tuesday before 4th Wednesday in June, Bath.	S. H. Stearns.	Joseph Bartlett.
General Convention, Vermont,	Third Tuesday in June, Newport.	Z. S. Barstow.	L. Brigham.
General Association, Massachusetts,	Third Tuesday in June, East-Hampton.	D. J. Noyes.	H. A. Hazen.
Congregational Conference, R. I.,	Second Tuesday in June.	C. W. Wallace.	Wm. House.
General Conference, Connecticut,		D. E. Adams.	F. Alvord.
General Association, New-York,	Third Tuesday in October.	C. Burnham.	M. T. Runnells.
Congregational Conference, Ohio,	Second Tuesday in June.	H. S. Huntington.	G. I. Bard.
General Association, Michigan,	Third Wednesday in May, Romeo.	S. S. Morrill.	N. Bouton.
General Association, Illinois,	Fourth Wednesday in May, Moline.	E. B. Claggett.	S. H. Partridge.
General Association, Iowa,	First Wednesday in June.	E. B. Claggett.	S. H. Partridge.
General Association, Indiana,	Third Thursday in May.	S. L. Gerould.	J. Lanman.
General Association, Kansas,	Second Wednesday in May.	S. L. Gerould.	J. Lanman.
General Association, Nebraska,	Second Thursday in June.	A. Tobey.	T. V. Haines.
Presbyterian and Congregational Convention, Wisconsin,	First Wednesday in October.	L. Brigham.	H. H. Colburn.
General Congregational Conf., Minn.,	Second Thursday in October.	John Wood.	S. H. Riddel.
General Association, Missouri,	Third Wednesday in October.	E. Harmon.	J. L. Merrill.
General Association, California,	First Wednesday in October.	Wm. Clark.	J. S. Black.
Congregational Association, Oregon,	Third Thursday in June.	J. G. Davis.	W. Follett.
Cong. Union, Ontario and Quebec,	Wednesday after first Sabbath in June.	J. Chapman.	Jeremiah Blake.
Methodist Episcopal Conference, N. H.,	April.	E. Buxton.	S. L. Blake.
Baptist Convention, N. H.,	Third Wednesday in October.	C. C. Watson.	J. C. White.
Free-will Bap. Yearly Meeting, N. H.	April.	P. Bates.	C. Downs.
Presbyterian General Assembly,	Third Tuesday in May.	Asa D. Smith.	E. H. Greely.

N. B. For fuller information of times and places of meeting, see *Congregational Quarterly* for January.

Committee on Jubilee Services moved the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That in order to a proper remembrance of this 250th anniversary from the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, we recommend to our ministers and churches to make special and habitual efforts henceforth to obtain a better acquaintance with the history, character and principles of the Pilgrim Fathers. They present a high standard of christian integrity, self-denial, wisdom and fortitude, worthy of our admiration and imitation.

Resolved, That the principles and polity of the New Testament, taught and practiced by the Pilgrim Fathers, being, under God, the means of the foundation of a republican Government in America, it is of the utmost importance to disseminate these principles and polity, in order that Christian liberty and morality be rightly maintained and advanced throughout the nation.

Resolved, that we approve the measures proposed at the Congregational Convention, at New-York, and approved by the National Memorial Convention, at Chicago, for the proper observance of the year: namely, the payment of all Church and Parish debts, the building of a Congregational House, in Boston, and the fuller endowment of our Colleges and Theological Seminaries.

Resolved, That as a specific object for this State, we recommend vigorous measures for the material enlargement of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, and also for the completion of the Conference Scholarships, in Dartmouth College. In order to carry into effect these resolutions, we recommend to Pastors and Sabbath School Superintendents to make earnest efforts for the sale of the Jubilee Medals, prepared for Sabbath Schools; and we recommend to the district associations to hold meetings in as many of their parishes as they shall think advisable for awakening a general and deep interest in the objects of this Jubilee observance.

After a protracted discussion of these resolutions, in which Rev. Messrs. C. W. Wallace, A. Tobey, S. L. Blake, N. Bouton, C. Cushing, E. B. Claggett, J. W. Chickering, J. G. Davis and W. T. Savage participated, they were adopted.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Rev. Asa Mann.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 25.

Devotional meeting, conducted by Rev. J. E. Roy, from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Committee of Inquiry presented the following report, which was accepted:

Discussion. How shall the pastoral office be reinstated in the affections and usages of the churches which have adopted other and less permanent methods of sustaining the preached word? Rev. F. D. Ayer and Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

Ought the female members of our churches to engage orally in all the devotional exercises of the church prayer meeting? Rev. G. R. W. Scott and Rev. J. S. Black.

Essay—Can catechetical instruction be employed more effectually to indoctrinate the young in the principles of Christianity? If so, in what method? Rev. F. Alvord and Rev. G. E. Freeman.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Voted, To raise $200 to defray expenses the current year.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from the General Association of Ohio, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the General Association of New-Hampshire heartily approve the proposal for a National Conference of the Congregational Churches.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to confer with committees from other State Congregational Bodies, with reference to the calling of such Conference; said committee shall have authority to represent this Association in any preliminary convention which may be called before our next meeting.

Rev. Messrs. J. G. Davis, F. D. Ayer, C. W. Wallace, J. A. Leach, G. M. Adams, E. H. Greely and Prof. H. E. Parker were appointed this committee.

Rev. H. S. Huntington and Hon. J. W. Noyes, of Chester, were added to the Board of Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

Voted, That the Committee of Arrangements are requested to provide for the business meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, in connection with the General Association.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place for the sixty-ninth Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Rev. B. P. Stone in the chair.

Rev. J. W. Pickett, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, for Southern Iowa, offered prayer.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, presented his report, which was accepted and adopted.

Addresses were made by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, and Rev. Messrs. A. Tobey, G. M. Adams, C. W. Wallace, and J. E. Roy.

Closing prayer by Rev. R. M. Sargent.

Association resumed business.

Voted, that the Statistical Secretary be authorized to print one thousand copies of the minutes, in connection with the Report of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator in the chair.

Rev. J. E. Roy offered prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That we offer our most hearty thanks to this church and people, for their very prompt and generous hospitality in entertaining the unusually large number present; to the choir, for their most appropriate and gratifying services, and to the different railroad companies who have reduced their fare in favor of those attending this meeting.

Voted, That the *subject* of the opening sermon be, hereafter, named in the minutes, in connection with the text.

Voted, That at the conclusion of the communion services the Association stand adjourned.

Rev. C. E. Milliken, of Littleton, and Rev. S. S. Morrill, of Henniker, officiated at the communion table.

J. G. DAVIS, *Moderator.*

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Scribe.*

E. E. P. ABBOTT, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The report of the progress of religion in our churches, during the past year, will be given, not by Conferences, but topically. Those facts will be first presented which relate more directly to external prosperity, followed by those more closely connected with the spiritual life. The review of a year's history, in so many churches, is full of instruction and encouragement. No one can read the original reports, as they come up from the pastors of the various churches all over the State, without feeling how impossible it is to concentrate into a few pages a *true* account of the religious experiences of a year.

The tokens of *outward prosperity* are many and gratifying. The houses of worship owned by the following churches are reported as repaired or improved: Merrimack, Deering, Mont-Vernon, Gilsum, Sullivan, East Jaffrey, North-Hampton, Conway, West Lebanon, Campton, and Danbury.

The Olive Street Church, in Nashua, have expended $8,000 in remodeling their house, and about $1,000 in improving their chapel.

At Hillsborough Bridge, $2,300 has been expended for improvements; at Antrim, $1,000; at Goffstown, $1,500.

At Amherst, the chapel has been thoroughly repaired and painted, within and without.

At Henniker, a new chapel, to cost about $1,200, is nearly completed.

At Bennington, an organ, costing $400, partly the gift of a friend in New-York city, has been obtained.

The Church at Marlborough have repaired and enlarged their house of worship, and received the gift of a very fine organ from a gentleman of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

At Newport, money is being raised for a new chapel.

The small and feeble Church at Effingham deserves special commendation; that, under the encouragement of Rev. Reuben

Kimball, they have improved their house of worship, without and within.

The First Church, in Concord, have greatly beautified their house, and purchased an organ, costing $3,500.

The South Church, in the same city, have received the gift of a valuable melodeon for their chapel.

Gorham has purchased a bell, at a cost of $450.

The North Church, in Portsmouth, has received, from one of its members, a lot of land, worth $2,300, and raised $10,000 to erect upon it a chapel.

Littleton reports the pastor's salary increased $350.

Bristol, its church repaired, and pastor's salary increased $400.

Franklin Street Church, in Manchester, $3,500 expended upon their house of worship, and pastor's salary increased $500.

South Seabrook has, for the first time, a house of worship, which cost about $5,000. Toward this sum the American Congregational Union gave $500, and loaned $500 more, for five years, without interest; the greater part of the remainder was given by other churches.

The meeting-houses of the West Church, in Concord, and the First, in Nashua, have, during the year, been destroyed by fire. At West Concord, a new house is being constructed of granite, the estimated cost of which is $8,000 or $10,000. At Nashua, one to cost about $35,000.

The church in Farmington has erected a substantial and commodious house of worship during the year, and the Second Church in Keene one costing $31,000, in which is placed an organ, costing $2,900. This house will accommodate 700 to 800 auditors, and the seats are free.

The following churches have built or purchased *parsonages* during the year: Goffstown, Washington, New-Boston, Temple, and the First Church of Keene.

The parsonages at Stratham, Mont-Vernon, and Campton, have been improved. It is well remarked by the pastor of one of these churches that it is strange any parish should let its ministry lack what may almost be called the necessity of a parsonage.

One church, that of Mont-Vernon, reports a debt paid of nearly $600.

We close the record of the material improvements of the year, by quoting the remark of the pastor of the last named church, that his salary is *very promptly* paid; upon which the report of Hillsborough Conference observes: "With this fact, we are not surprised at his further remark of the excellent spiritual state of the church; promptness and integrity in the business relations of a church, and spiritual growth, have a closer connection than many imagine."

We come now to speak of those facts which relate more directly to the *spiritual life* of the churches. The reports from most of them are encouraging, and from some full of joy, at the special manifestation of God's presence. Quite a number, however, speak of special discouragements, and a few of decline. Too many of the small and feeble churches fail to report any earnest *efforts* made for spiritual renewal. Of too many it must be said, as the report from Coös Conference says of the churches at Bethlehem and Franconia; that they seem likely to become extinct. The report from one church speaks of the past year as "one of adversity and trial," on account, chiefly, of the lack of a spirit of brotherly love, union and forgiveness, among professing christians.

The pastor of another church reports it as suffering greatly through the reaction from so-called "revival meetings," formerly held in the town. The instruction given was superficial, and the greater part of the supposed converts are numbered among "backsliders."

Another pastor says, "Our church has failed to exercise the moral power it might, but for the wrong doing of a few of its members." Another, "The decay of discipline in our church is one of our discouragements."

Many of the reports from the country churches speak of the constant loss by *emigration* as one of the principal difficulties with which they have to contend.

The pastor of the church in Nelson states that as many as twenty-five who attended meeting there a year ago, have moved away.

Says the pastor of the church in Gilsum: "If we could only retain those church members and tax-payers whom we raise up for the strong churches in the cities and large towns, we should

hope to be stronger." The property valuation of that whole church is less than $30,000, yet they get along without missionary aid.

The pastor at Lyndeborough remarks: "Nearly all our young people leave us as soon as they are old enough to go." And the pastor of the First Church in Mason: "One serious drawback to the enlargement of our church is the natural inclination of our young people of enterprise to leave their rural homes, to seek their fortunes amid more stirring scenes."

A pastor who has been settled over one of our country churches for seven years, found recently that he could name one hundred members of his own congregation, who, during that time, had moved away, mostly to larger places, and to the West. Yet the general spirit of these churches is expressed by one venerable pastor, who says: "We derive comfort from the conviction that we send many worthy sons and daughters to be useful in other communities."

We regret to read from one church the statement: "Some who leave admit that they do so because so many have moved away, and they do not wish to remain where there is so much that is discouraging." Surely, unless there are other good reasons, christian men and women should not leave merely because the work to be done for Christ is difficult. We know of noble christian men and women who have remained with these country churches, simply because they needed their aid, whom God has blessed in so doing.

For all these evils, under which our feeble churches suffer, one principal remedy, under God, is the awakening, among christians, in a far higher degree, of the sense of *personal responsibility to be useful.* Let each christian, in these churches, ask himself: What am *I* doing to sustain the prayer meeting and the Sabbath School, to diffuse through the community religious literature, and in other ways to bring Christ to men? Christians might do far more than is now accomplished to introduce good *reading* into all homes. It is a fact of promise for the future, to read in the report from Farmington, for the year, of ten new subscribers to the Missionary Herald, or from the little church in Effingham of five new subscribers to the "Christian at Work," and three or four new copies of the Home Missionary sent among them.

And in connection with personal christian activity, the members of these feeble churches need a determination *never to yield*, never to suffer the institutions of the gospel wholly to die out. In the year 1821, the church in Newcastle was reduced to a single member, an aged christian woman; but it was not abandoned, and now it contains forty-four members, and has, during the past year, enjoyed a special revival of the work of Christ.

We come now to speak of those things which are *encouraging* in the spiritual life of the year.

The *social meetings* of the churches have been maintained during the year with at least the usual degree of interest. It would be well if the various churches, in giving their reports, would mention any peculiarities of these meetings which add to their interest. The pastor of the church in Mont-Vernon remarks: "Our social meetings during the week have been rendered more truly social and interesting by each one, male and female, repeating a passage of Scripture, expressive of individual emotion, experience or desire."

Meetings in the *out-districts* of towns are held in many cases by pastors, and in some few by laymen. These meetings are referred to with special interest in the reports from New-Boston, Merrimack, Mont-Vernon, and the First Church in Mason. An increased interest is being awakened through the State in these efforts to carry the gospel to *all* the people, both of our smaller and larger towns. Laymen and christian women in the North Church of Portsmouth, and the South Church of Concord, have been holding meetings and sustaining Sabbath schools in some neglected districts in and around these cities. Their efforts have been blessed, both to the conversion of souls and to their own growth in grace. The pastor of the First Church in Dover speaks as follows, in reference to similar efforts which have been made by that Church: "Tracts have been distributed; district and household prayer meetings have been established; a Sunday school has been inaugurated, and an unusual amount of personal labor has been expended for the purpose of lifting these godless communities into a new life. The results are already apparent. Many are rejoicing in Christ. Altars of prayer have been raised in families where God's name has never been spoken,

except to be profaned. Drunkards have been reclaimed. The promise is bright that at least one neighborhood, in a really marvelous way, is to be pervaded and purified by the leavening power of the Gospel." Is there any reason why *all* godless neighborhoods may not be thus renewed?

The reports from the *Sabbath schools* throughout the State are generally encouraging. Some of the churches offer an example worthy of imitation, in the large proportion of the congregation who are members of the school. Says the report from Winchester: "Nearly all the congregation are identified with the Sabbath school." At Temple, "all of the Church (except those prevented by physical infirmity) are in it, and a large part of the congregation." At Fisherville, more than three quarters of the congregation are in the Sabbath school. At Nelson, during considerable part of the year, four fifths of the congregation are connected with it; and at Peterborough a still larger proportion. The Church in Chichester reports the hopeful fact that there has been an increase of young men among the pupils. In Stratham, Plaistow, Mont-Vernon and several other places, the Sabbath school concert is held in the afternoon, taking the place, on one Sabbath of the month, of the usual service. The uniform testimony is that this plan awakens increased interest. At Mont-Vernon, where the concerts are largely attended, the pastor conducts them, and occasionally preaches to the children.

The christian labors of the year could not be fairly described without allusion to the Young Men's Christian Associations. These exist, not only in our cities, but in New-Boston, Wilton, Farmington, Canterbury, Newport, Milford, Mont-Vernon, and some other of the smaller towns. They have been very useful in developing a more active piety among the members of the churches. Nor should grateful mention be omitted of the service performed by students from the theological seminaries, in fields which otherwise would have been destitute.

The reports from some of the churches speak of the cause of *temperance* as in a favorable condition, but no facts of peculiar interest are mentioned. If the advocacy of temperance and efforts to reclaim the intemperate are being made more fully a part of the *regular work* of each local church, then the prospect is hopeful.

One subject which demands the immediate attention of many of our churches, is the condition of *absent members*. The absentees reported in our last year's minutes are nearly one fifth of the entire membership of our churches. One church in Hillsborough Conference reports this year one third of its members as absent. Such a state of things inevitably diminishes the sense of the sacredness of relationship to the church, and works injury in other ways. Some of the churches are making vigorous efforts to correct the evil. The Church in Newport has heard, during the year, from all its absentees. The Church in West Concord has corresponded with all, and granted to some of them letters of dismission.

This suggests another evil, which is seriously felt in all communities, and spoken of in some of the reports of the churches for the year: namely, the *failure* of many who hope in Christ, and who give evidence to others that they are Christians, *to unite with the church*. The pastor of the church in Sanbornton, in speaking of this subject, mentions the fact that in his own parish, during the past year, the death of a valued female member of the church was the means of impressing several of these non-professing Christians with a sense of duty, and five or six of them united with the church.

These facts, in regard to the outward activities of the churches, do not give the whole account as to their progress. The deeper question remains: Have Christians *grown in grace?* Have they made progress in consistency, faith, and the joy of the Lord? This class of questions is more difficult to answer. But, in many instances, pastors speak of *growth* on the part of Christians. Let one quotation suffice, as suggesting what is needed in all our churches. The pastor of Franklin Street church, in Manchester, remarks: "I can see evidences of growth and enlargement on the part of some members of the Church in certain directions, and that the church itself is becoming better *prepared* to reach some of the outlying elements in a community like ours." This *preparation* our churches need. The world needs Christians, of whom it can be said, as his pastor says of an aged deacon who has died in one of our country churches the past year, "He was a good man, and lived out his religion every day."

It remains to speak of the *special reviving and converting influences of the Holy Spirit*, as they have been enjoyed in many of our churches during the year. These have been so numerous as to furnish occasion for great joy and gratitude. In many places where no general revival has been enjoyed, interesting instances of conversion have occurred. We mention some of the places thus blest, and shall afterward allude more particularly to a few of the most remarkable revivals. In Henniker, Dunbarton, Kensington and Kingston, some interesting conversions have occurred; and the same is undoubtedly true of many places not named in this report. In Chichester, since the first of May, an extra preaching service has been held on Tuesday evenings, as a revival effort, and a few hopeful conversions have occurred. In Auburn there have been several conversions, and four have united with the church by profession. Of these, three named as the means which God used in leading them to the Saviour, the personal influence of Christian friends.

In Newport and Claremont there have been a considerable number of additions to the churches. The report from Francestown mentions eight hopeful conversions. In Greenfield, during the week of prayer and subsequent weeks, the members of the church were much quickened, the spirit of prayer prevailed, and a few, it is believed, were brought to Christ. In the Olive Street Church, in Nashua, several persons in middle life have come, of their own accord, to the pastor to converse about the state of their souls. At Nelson, though there has not been a general revival, a good deal of religious interest has existed, and nine have united with the church by profession. The Church in Marlborough has received large additions, though as the results of a revival enjoyed the previous year. The effects of this work appear wholly good, with no painful reaction — a fact which the present pastor ascribes to the thorough instruction the people have formerly received as to the nature of true religion, and to the Christian wisdom of the spirit in which the special effort was made. In Fisherville, some fifteen of the young people have given evidence of conversion, of whom seven have united with the church, and others probably will. The religious interest in the First Church of Dover has already been alluded to in another connection. Quite a number

of conversions occurred during the winter. It is remarked that most of those who have made confession of their faith in Christ have been parents.

Revivals, more or less general, have been enjoyed by the churches in Rindge, Hampton, Newcastle, Hudson and Goshen, but in regard to them we are not particularly informed.

At Piermont, as one result of a religious awakening, twelve have been added to the church by profession. In Pembroke and Suncook many conversions are believed to have occurred in connection with the labors of different denominations of Christians. At Plymouth a good degree of religious interest has been manifest during all the year, and many have believed in Jesus. At Webster, during the months of March and April, a number of special week-day meetings were held, for prayer and conference, and preaching by several neighboring ministers. During these meetings there was manifestly a rising religious interest. There have been in the town more than thirty hopeful conversions. The church at Barrington, long feeble, has been blessed by a delightful work of grace.

The churches, of various denominations, in Laconia have been highly favored. Some two hundred persons have given evidence of conversion. Eighteen united with the Congregational church by profession on the first Sabbath of May. This place, and some others in the State, have experienced blessing through the Christian labors of Mr. Durant. At Portsmouth a long-continued and most interesting revival has been enjoyed. Two of its prominent characteristics have been—a spirit of *active usefulness* among Christians, and *union* of heart among all, of different denominations, who love the Lord Jesus. The town of Colebrook has been the scene of a remarkable revival, in connection with the labors of Mr. Durant. Something like one hundred are believed to have become disciples of Christ. The whole region around has felt the influence. Personal appeal to men at their homes, to heed the claims of the Gospel, was very effectual in this revival.

In Milton, meetings were held during a considerable part of the year, by the young men of the Christian Association of Farmington, in connection with other Christians. As many as twenty conversions have occurred, including six heads of fami-

lies. The former pastor, Rev. James Doldt, remarks, "There was much *praying* for that people for months before the revival commenced."

The little church in Hooksett, where much labor had been expended with but small manifest result, have been made glad by God's special presence. The pastor speaks of the work as preceded by a very deep feeling among a few Christians of the *need* of divine influence, a special agreement among them to *pray* constantly for it, and, later, a good degree of *assurance* that a blessing would be given. The hearts of the people having been thus prepared, a series of meetings was held on twenty-two successive evenings. Neighboring pastors assisted by preaching. Not less than twenty-five persons felt that they became disciples of Christ.

In Bristol, as long ago as May, 1869, the pastor saw evidences of increased attention to religious truth. This interest he sought to strengthen and deepen, and during the ensuing fall and winter, the number of meetings was increased, and much personal effort made to lead men to Christ. Not far from thirty were hopefully converted, of whom, thus far, seventeen have united with the church. A deep religious interest prevailed, also, in the other churches in the town. The pastor remarks, "The church has not gained so much in numbers as in a reviving of hope and general spiritual increase. They feel stronger than they did before, and more encouraged to labor."

The First and Second churches in Keene have both been blessed by the special influences of God's spirit. The pastor of the First Church held, at his house, a meeting for singing, followed by a prayer-meeting. Some ten or twelve young people were brought to Jesus under this influence. A noon-day prayer-meeting was held for a time during the winter, which was the means of the conversion of three other persons. The pastor of the Second Church states, "About the middle of January I was sent for at noon on the Sabbath by a member of the church who had been quite unwell. I had no idea what he desired. He said he was impressed with the feeling that there should be some extra meetings. There was no interest in the town at that time, that I knew of." Two extra prayer-meetings were appointed during the week, and these were kept up three

months. Over forty persons, about half of them in middle life, found hope in Jesus. Union meetings have been held during part of the year, which have promoted a friendly state of feeling between the two churches, opening the way for harmonious efforts in future.

Bath has been one of the most favored towns in the State during the past year. The pastor of the church speaks as follows of the *preparation* which had been made for God's work: "Personal duty had been pressed persistently for four years. The children had been met by Sabbath school classes and otherwise, conversed with, prayed with, pledged to pray for themselves, for one another, and for the pastor. Thirty-one children had been baptized last year, and the ordinance, which had fallen into disuse and non-appreciation, became dear, and a source of tender hope in securing the early conversion of the children. Six fathers of these children were unconverted, but united sympathizingly with their wives. Five of them now have hope for themselves." As the time of the "week of prayer" approached this year, the pastor felt a strong conviction that a series of protracted services would result in conversions. He thought the truth had been felt for a long time by many, to a degree unappreciated by the church. The proposal to hold such meetings was accepted without opposition, but without much hope. But the manifestations of interest which appeared, at the very first meeting, surprised all. They felt, "Verily, God was in this place, and we knew it not." Sixty or seventy were brought to Christ from the congregation—about one hundred in all. The great lesson which the pastor draws from this revival is, "*Venture* for Christ."

Deerfield and Orfordville, two of the towns which have been especially favored during the past year, are alike in this, that there had for years been a sad decline in the numbers and piety of the churches. The revival in Deerfield has been of exceeding interest, but we can only quote from the report of the pastor a few of the most characteristic facts. He says: "The work was peculiar in its *origin;* so quiet, spontaneous, and unexpected. * * While we stood with sad hearts and longing eyes, gazing upward, the mercy drops began to fall, and a little cloud appeared over us, expanding and thickening and pouring

down its contents, till the desert field became like the garden of the Lord." It is significantly added, "Some pious women had long and earnestly prayed for some among the early converts." There was a cordial union of prayer and effort among the Congregational, Baptist, and Free-will Baptist churches. More than two hundred persons are believed to have been converted. Forty-seven have thus far joined the Congregational Church. None came into any of the churches for three months after the work began, and few for four months. "The converts," says the pastor, "were usually not long under conviction, came gradually into the light, and walked humbly in it, ready for every duty, so far as it was made plain. Some eight or ten middle aged *men* were awakened before we saw much interest among women and children."

We should be glad to give the whole account of the revival in Orfordville, furnished by the pastor, instead of the brief synopsis which is possible. The change in that town is described as wonderful. Religious influence was at an exceedingly low ebb. But some, both in and out of the church, were awakened to an intense desire for the maintenance of the institutions of the Gospel. They raised for the support of preaching more than double the amount of previous years. There was a steady increase of attendance upon the services of the sanctuary and the Sabbath school, and of thoughtfulness upon the subject of religion. Two or three conversions occurred prior to the week of prayer. But it was in connection with the meetings of that and subsequent weeks that the grace of God was most wonderfully manifested. From the first, some Christians were animated by a strong, assured faith, leading them to say, "We *must*, we *shall* have a revival." Says the pastor: "For weeks hardly a meeting passed without one or more expressing desire or determination to be Christ's; not only the young, but the strong men and women of maturer life. * * * * Strict moralists and bold blasphemers, one after another, yielded to the heavenly call, and took upon them the peaceful yoke of the entreating Saviour. Ninety or more, in connection with the series of meetings, expressed hope in Christ. * * * Sixty-two, on profession, have already united with the church. * * * * The one most active in securing a permanent

sanctuary service, was the first man to come out on the Lord's side. * * * * Almost without exception, in families embracing unconverted members, who were regular in their attendance on the meetings, one or more conversions occurred." The pastor gives his judgment that, so far as human instrumentality is concerned, the revival was the result of four things: "(1) An increased liberality in bringing in the *tithes* for a preached gospel; (2) entire *union* of the people; (3) continued wrestling prayer on the part of the few hearts warmly alive to the great need; (4) personal work for Christ in the community."

The last revival to be named, among those which the past year has brought us the privilege of recording, is the one in an institution which should be dear to all the churches, Dartmouth College. From the first week in January, special prayer was offered by some Christians for the revival of God's work. But expectation and desire were concentrated especially upon the "day of prayer for colleges." It proved a day of great blessing, and a remarkable spirit of prayer was manifested. Yet conversions did not at once occur, and then, in the language of the pastor, "God's people went forward with much trembling, yet pleading the promises, comforting themselves with the thought that at least *they* would be quickened, and reminding each other of individual responsibility and privilege. 'Abraham,' said one, 'was alone; so was Jacob; so was Moses; and yet they prevailed. Let each of us seek to realize this as his opportunity.' At length the blessing, *i. e.* that portion of it connected with manifest conversions, was granted, and from twenty to twenty-five in the College, at least one half of them in the Sophomore Class, and eight or ten in the village, it is believed became disciples of Christ."

This record is sufficient to show that though the interest has not been as general throughout the State as is to be desired, yet we have occasion to say, "*The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.*" Extended comment upon the lessons of these revivals is forbidden by the shortness of the time. To some extent they teach different lessons to different minds. But the following truths are certainly enforced upon us:

1. It is well that in all efforts for the advancement of

Christ's kingdom, as much prayer should be offered for the *sanctification* of believers, the correction of their faults, their growth in Christian virtues and Christian joy, as for the conversion of the impenitent. This feeling prevailed strongly, and with the happiest results, in the revival in the College.

2. God blesses the *practical consecration of time, money and effort* to his cause. When men take hold of Christian work with the same practical earnestness which they give to worldly business, their efforts are not in vain.

3. *Individual responsibility* and *privilege* needs to be more felt by Christians, and private, personal influence more used for Christ.

4. Persevering *prayer*, even on the part of a few, is never unheard.

5. Several of these revivals enforce, in a striking manner, the importance of a deep *appreciation* on the part of Christians of the blessings of the Gospel—an earnest *love* for Christ's kingdom. It is exactly the sentiment taught in the 102d Psalm: "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof."

On this Jubilee Year, which commemorates the faith of the Pilgrims, we have great occasion to give thanks for so many proofs, in his goodness—not only to us but to other denominations of Christians—that the God of the fathers has not forsaken the children. The memories of the past, and the richer opportunities of the present, should unite to produce in God's people a higher type of character—one which shall possess more of the "beauty of holiness."

H. S. Huntington, *Statistical Secretary.*

Warner, Aug. 20, 1870.

OBITUARY RECORD.

Rev. Edward Daniel Chapman, was born at East Haddam, Connecticut, May 16, 1816. His parents were both pious—the father a deacon. He was baptized in infancy.

In his youth he was thoughtful and conscientious; dutiful at home—obedient at school—kind to all.

At the age of eleven he expressed the hope of pardon through Christ; did not however unite with the church till he was fifteen.

Mr. Chapman, when young, chose teaching for his life work, and prepared for it. At the age of thirty-six, however, his mind was directed to the ministry. After a short course of study, with a private teacher, he was licensed in 1852.

For a few months he remained in his native State. Then he removed to Farmington, Warren County, Pennsylvania. Here he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church. After a successful ministry, at this place, of four years, he removed to Sinclearville, Chautauque County, New-York. Here he remained eight years. On account of ill health, he now sought again the climate of New-England, and was directed to Raymond, where, after a pastorate of three years, he closed both his ministry and his life.

His last sickness was acute, but his mind was at peace. When speech had failed him, "in silence he pointed upward to indicate that his hope was above."

Brother Chapman was eminently a good man, and his ministry was very successful. Revivals attended his preaching in all fields of labor; while he was faithful to the Master, at the same time he won the confidence of men—all men; the man of the world, no less than the christian. His memory is blessed.

C. W. W.

Died, in Washington, New-Hampshire, August 1, 1870, Rev. William Claggett.

He was born in Litchfield, New-Hampshire, February 4, 1796. Subsequently, with his parents, he removed to Newport, New-Hampshire, where he experienced renewing grace, and united with the Congregational Church.

He fitted for college under the instruction of Rev. Wm. Clark, now Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and at Kimball Union Academy; graduated at Dartmouth in 1826; pursued his theological studies at Newport, with Rev. John Woods, at Bradford, with Rev. Robert Page, and finally at Andover, Massachusetts.

He was ordained at Wendell, Massachusetts, October 27, 1830. After seven years of successful labor, he was obliged, on account of ill health, to leave the people to whom he was so closely bound.

He went to Vermont, where he preached over twenty years—fourteen at West Hartford. Then he returned to his native State, where he labored the remaining part of his life.

About a year and a half ago he went to Washington, New-Hampshire, where, by his genial spirit, affable manners, and Christian deportment, he endeared himself to the Church and the community. His work there was auspiciously begun—mysteriously ended. He leaves a widow and three daughters. His loss is deeply felt by his surviving friends, by the afflicted church and congregation, at Washington, and by his brothers in the ministry; for he was a good minister and zealous worker for Christ, one of God's noblemen. He labored in the service of the Master forty years, and died in the work.

The last sermon he preached was at a funeral. His text was: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." His thoughts were appropriate and his words fitly chosen. One remark made a deep impression. It was prophetic: "Friends, we know not who will be called next. Perhaps it will be some young person—perhaps it will be myself, &c." The next one taken *was* the beloved minister.

—"For the place left desolate
We needs must weep; yet thanks be given,
The treasure that we found so great
Was for a better place in heaven
Fully ripe."

G. B. W. S.

Rev. WILLIAM RICHARDSON was the first minister of the Second Congregational Church in Wilton. He was a native of Gilmanton, and born in 1801. He came forward in life under favorable religious influences, was awakened to a deep sense of his spiritual wants in a revival in 1823, and, as was hoped, yielded himself to the service of the Saviour. He united with the Christian Church in 1826. He had been successfully employed as a teacher in Rochester and elsewhere, but with a view of greater usefulness, he was encouraged to prepare for the ministry. He engaged in this work of preparation with great energy. He completed his course at Andover Theological Seminary in 1830, and gave himself to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to be sent by them as a missionary to such a part of the world as they judged proper, and it can not be reasonably doubted, by those who have known his habits of industry and his enterprise, that had he gone into this service much would have been accomplished; but he had begun while in the Seminary to preach to a little church in Wilton, which had seceded from the Unitarian Church in that place. The people became interested in him and sought him for their minister. The American Board released him from his engagement with them, and he was settled as the pastor of the above named church in 1830.

His ministry was of great importance to that Church. It numbered thirty when he was settled, and for seven years there were additions at every communion season. In the ten years of his ministry there were one hundred and nineteen added to the church. After a generation has passed away, there are still living those, in that place and in the neighboring towns, who acknowledge themselves to have been materially benefited by his ministry. After a time a division appeared in the Church, in reference to the Anti-Slavery movements of the times, which resulted in the removal of the pastor. He was dismissed in 1840.

Mr. Richardson was immediately employed in Lyndeborough, where the pastor had been dismissed, and where was a disturbed state of public feeling in consequence. Here, for a year or two, he labored with success, quieting the feelings of the people, and preparing the way for a permanent ministry.

Mr. Richardson was settled in Deering in 1843. The Church was small and the prospects not greatly encouraging. He had there a quiet ministry of four years, a revival of religion, and the church was enlarged. But his health failed, and indications of a lung disease appeared. He was advised, by his physicians, to relinquish preaching and to go into some employment in the open air. He removed to the city of Manchester, and engaged in furnishing wood to the factories, in large quantities, and afterward in erecting dwelling-houses, and in other employments of the kind.

It was the purpose with him and with his companion, who had a like spirit, as they had no family, that if success should attend their efforts, they would make money for their Lord, and for his cause in the world. By unusual skill and untiring industry, in the course of a little more than twenty years, they secured a valuable property. One half of this property, at the request of his wife, has been left by him, after her decease, to the New-Hampshire Bible Society; the other half remains at her disposal.

Mr. Richardson never fully recovered his health. He suffered much in his late years from defective eyesight; but died at last with the typhoid fever, in September, 1869.

He was a man of sound judgment and of a well-balanced mind. He had great business capacity. As a Christian he had clear conceptions of truth and a true love for it. His regard for the word of God increased to the last. He said to a friend, a little before his last sickness, that he regarded the multiplying and disseminating the word of God among men the most important work of any in which Christian people are now engaged, and added, "If you outlive me, you will see that I have an appreciation of this work." He was much interested in Sabbath school and Bible class instruction, and was himself a student of the Bible all his life. In his later years he was often found reading it as late as eleven o'clock at night. In his last sickness he had it read to him, and often exclaimed, "O, precious, precious Bible." Such a manifestation of the grace of God to one of his servants we love to record to the honor of his name, and for the benefit of those who shall come after.

I. W.

Rev. Loren Thayer was born at Thetford, Vermont, July 7, 1815. He died at Windham, New-Hampshire, September 19, 1869. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1840, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1843, and was settled over the Presbyterian Church at Windham, November 5, 1845. This was his first and only settlement in the ministry. Here his life-work was performed — how well and faithfully, let his loving, confiding, *united* and *prosperous* church and society testify. He gave himself to the work of the ministry with singleness of heart, and an earnestness and devotion worthy of all commendation. To preach the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and win souls to him, was his highest ambition, and greatest joy.

In relation to the ministry, and his call to it, he seemed to feel as Paul felt, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel," and he gave himself to the work with heart and soul.

Windham is small in territory, and small in population, but homogeneous in character. There is but one religious organization in the town; this fact, no doubt, contributes much to the religious prosperity of the place. In one revival, under the pastorate of Mr. Thayer, there were one hundred inquirers at a single meeting, and the whole town was moved. During this revival the labors of the pastor were abundant, exhaustive, and, perhaps, *excessive;* for his health broke down under this *delightful, glorious* burden laid upon him. In view of this revival, and his deep and absorbing interest in it, and untiring efforts to lead these souls to Christ, an intimate friend says, "I have some times thought if the Master had asked him then, "Will you give your life for these?" his cheerful answer would have been, "Here, Lord, am I." One hundred and fifty-six united with the church under his pastorate, and he attended more than four hundred funerals.

Mr. Thayer was greatly beloved and respected by his people, and held in high regard by the neighboring ministry. He was social, cheerful, open and confiding. There was no artifice about him; he was emphatically what a room-mate at Andover said of him, "an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." He was not a great man in the world's estimate, but he was more and better than that, he was a *good man*, and goodness is the only true

greatness. As his health began to decline, and the thought was pressed upon his mind that the end of his ministry was near, it caused him a hard struggle; he loved the ministry, and to resign it was a trial. He visited Minnesota, hoping that the pure, bracing air of that region would restore him to health, and for a time he did improve, and devoted himself with renewed energy to his chosen work, in that new region; but he was soon prostrated again. After a few weeks he was able to return to his family, though much enfeebled. The struggle was past, and he now felt that his work was done, and the remaining portion of his days was only a patient waiting for the end to come. It was on the Sabbath evening of September 19, 1869, that he passed from the earthly Sabbath to the Sabbath eternal, in heaven. Thus passed away one of the purest minded, most faithful and successful ministers of New-Hampshire. His record is on high, where, we doubt not, he received from the Master the welcome plaudit, "Welcome good and faithful servant."

Mr. Thayer was three times married. First, to Matilda J. Baker, of Lebanon. Second, to Hannah G. Beattie, of Ryegate, Vermont. Third, to Elizabeth C. Farley, of Concord. The last wife and three children survive to mourn the loss of a kind, faithful husband and father.

C. B.

ESSAY.

How much Doctrinal Confession should be required as a Condition of Church Membership?

[The following is the Essay, read by Rev. J. A. Leach, of Keene, at the recent meeting of the General Association. It is the first of a series, which, according to the Constitution of the Association, are to be annually presented. It would seem that it must be for the spiritual benefit of the churches, that these Essays, giving the earnest thought of the writers upon living, practical subjects, should be generally read. The Association is not to be held responsible for every sentiment conveyed. They are the views of the writer of the Essay. They are presented, that thinking men and women may read, "not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, but to weigh and consider." Statistical Secretary.]

It might be natural, but not gracious, dear Brethren, for one holding, what are called extreme views in theology, to insist that our churches not only have the strongest and most explicit creed, but that no person be admitted to their fellowship, who did not heartily consent to every portion of it. Led, as we believe, by the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit, we shall take no such position in this discussion; not that we would have our creeds lowered or lessened; many of them, as it seems to me, when compared with the great standards of the Evangelical Church, are even now wanting in important doctrines; they seem obscure and indefinite in their statements concerning "the imputation of sin and righteousness." I throw out these remarks to show that we are not of those who undervalue and lightly esteem the doctrines of the Reformed Church.

It is not the question of the necessity of creeds that I propose to discuss; it is "How much of doctrinal confession should

be required as a condition of church membership?" I do not wish to give the impression that I consider doctrines of little value; for I believe that they are the *great highways* that lead to the central glories of the life of the Lamb. I have never read of any great and continuous Christian living only in connection with a most vivid apprehension of the great doctrines of the grace of God. I know of no instance where "a living faith" has been found loitering long in the by-ways of divine truth. As the waters of the earth hasten through the narrow channels of brooks and little streams, finding and forming the majestic rivers that sweep onward to the sea, so does every hungry soul speed his way up through the lesser truths, onward through the great doctrines of the word, onward in aspiration and hope beyond the cross, beyond this life, beyond the salvation merely of the soul, even beyond the resurrection of the body, to the perfect restoration and eternal peace and friendship with God the Father. The importance of doctrines is most clear and well-defined.

It is, if our statements are correct, the very necessity of sanctification that demands these great truths.

The question comes then, how far shall the work of grace have proceeded before the converted person shall be admitted to the church? How beautiful the flower? How ripe the fruit? It would seem from the language of some, that they expected that the beginner would have a spiritual insight into the great truths of the word, that is not common in advanced Christians. It would appear from the language of others, that there was no such fact as sanctification; that a believer knows it all at once and in the beginning. It is manifest in the lives of many, that they think that all that is essential in the great doctrines has been apprehended. The thought forces itself home to all our hearts, how far into these energizing truths have we ourselves been permitted to peer? Where is the life, the humility, the bounding hope, the adoration, the consecration that has been in other ages the result of a spiritual apprehension of these great doctrines? Dear Brethren, many of us have never seen these doctrines in their power and beauty. We have had little soul experience of their glory. Many of us have only crossed the border line of God's Paradisial truths. Sometimes we forget that the very law of the Christian life is "from strength to

strength," "from glory to glory." We are commanded to remember that "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." We are assured by all that we have experienced that there are most blessed discoveries to be made that no one can make for us; that there are not merely promises to be appropriated, but great statements to be apprehended. When we think of doctrines, the theme is about infinities. We can not have the face to demand the choicest fruits of beginners. We can not ask the work that "meat" alone is able to sustain, from "babes" fed upon "milk." It is the glory of our own experience, in just this relation, that we know "the end is not yet." It is one of the great comforts of our life, in Christ, that there are constant clearings in the sky of his truth, and that almost every daily opening of the sacred volume, reveals brighter and brighter stars to our view, and we seem to-day to see whole constellations cluster, where a little while ago we saw but a dimly glimmering star.

I know of nothing that has such a tendency to still the arrogant demands of pride as a sense of our own ignorance of the great doctrines of the Bible, and he is most ignorant who is most indifferent. He is most ignorant who assumes any more in reference to these infinitely deep and glorious truths than that he is but

> "An infant crying in the night,
> An infant crying for the light,
> And with no language but a cry."

It is the possibility of knowing more and more about the great facts of our creed; it is the necessity of knowing better and better these truths, that give life and intensity to all our Christian living. A growing apprehension of these truths is "like wings to the bird and sails to the ship." I know not how it is with others, but with me there is nothing but a sense of the infinite that is greatly moving, and it is when the truths of our system appear like the rainbow broken at its height, bending to the earth and gloriously brightening to the skies, that a feeling of the greatness of the subjective life is most profoundly experienced. It would seem that many do not realize this in the smallest measure. There are many who find little to be done, only the objective and external. The most seem little to

realize the statement of the Scotch worthy, that "Heaven is a city hard to be won;" that God has given us a little garden of our own to cultivate, that is capable of infinite attention, and has provided flowers and fruits to beautify and bless. I have offered these introductory thoughts on purpose to prepare the way for a tender and true consideration of the question. There were fences to be taken down before I dared venture into the field. There was rubbish to be removed before any kind of a building could be erected; and if the introductory thought of our own ignorance or indifference does not, in connection with the infinity of these doctrines, make us more charitable toward beginners, I know of nothing that would. And now, are there any prepared to say that the little lamb, born in the dead of winter, shall be left out in the cold for a single night? Are there any who would contend that it is better that the seed be dwarfed by exposure rather than helped by care? It is a matter of observation, that almost every Christian life takes its character from its beginning. If a person does not take part in meeting then, there is a strong probability that he never will. I once bought some apple trees that were grown on a sandy hill, poor soil, and though they were placed on rich ground, they are crooked and comparatively worthless now. The Bible speaks of "babes in Christ." All young life needs the most tender care. The first hours neglected and weeds will grow, that no after culture can fully eradicate. These thoughts cover those who come with simply the evidence of regeneration. The question is designed, as it seems to me, to meet three classes of persons who apply for admission to our churches:

And first; Those to whom we have just alluded, who give evidence of conversion, who deny no portion of the word of God, and yet know little or nothing about the great doctrines. These are they who bear upon all their aspect the spirit of the Master; who are docile and yet ignorant; who seem willing to accept the truth as soon as it shall be revealed to them. They confess their weakness; they manifest in their very faces their eagerness to understand the truth; they seem to have the most unbounded confidence in the word of God. Such persons must have months and even years of religious privilege before they can be expected to have passed from "milk" to "meat." They

have never been taught the Catechism. They have never studied the Bible with interest. It does not seem reasonable to demand of such persons any thing like a comprehension of the great doctrines of our creed. There are no grounds whatever for so doing. They have never been surrounded by religious influences. They have never been instructed in the principles of our religion. If they have attended the Sabbath school it is more than probable that they have never heard any instruction of a positively doctrinal character. There are many of this class who come and knock for admission to the church, weak and feeble, only just able to drag themselves there, as to an asylum, and a place of refuge. The cold and bitter winds of the world are blowing their most pitiless blasts upon them; its temptations and its taunts fairly drive some of them to the fold of Christ. I had, last winter, a poor woman come and apply for admission, of whom I had felt some doubt. She came with only the plea "I felt as though I must come." "I could stay away no longer." "I know I am not worthy, but I have such temptations and such influences about me that I could not stay away." She did not know a single article of the creed, and the sum of all the confession she could make was "I am sure I have given my heart to Jesus," and when the committee of the church suggested that she wait two months longer, she burst into tears. God only knew how long that period seemed. He only knew how much she needed the strength of ordinances and the protection of a public profession of Christ. It seems to me that all who come under this first class, who give evidence of a change of heart, should be tenderly and joyfully received into the fellowship of our churches. And now for the Scripture warrant for so doing. We read of one whose confession of faith was summed up in the words that are among the sweetest of all I have ever meditated, "Whereas I was blind, now I see." This was the aggregate of my own confession for more than three years after conversion, and it is about all I could say now. I have thought it, said it and sung it for about twelve years. We find, also, that when Jesus came to the poor fishermen, he simply said, "Follow me;" they complied, and doubtless the sum of all the confession they could then make was, "We are followers of Jesus." Any one may see, in reading

the lives of the disciples, that they were led from step to step; that their belief was a thing of growth; that Jesus was divinely patient with them "unto the end;" that he was not exorbitant in the beginning. Again, we read that when one of the masters in Israel stole to Jesus by night, and seemed in many respects to need and be able to grasp ultimately the strongest truths, the great Master exclaimed, "Ye must be born again;" the most mysterious words that ever sounded in a mortal's ears. Doubtless Nicodemus, after conversion, could have confessed from the heart, I believe in the doctrine of regeneration. Again, we read how a certain eunuch was conning the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, and Philip was sent to explain it to him, and it is said that the disciple "opened his mouth and began at the same scriptures and preached unto him Jesus;" and then we are told that the eunuch was baptized on this simple confession of faith, "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God." And now, if we had not these illustrations of our position, the whole spirit of our Lord would warrant us in opening the doors of the visible church to this class under consideration.

Secondly. There is a large class, and yearly growing larger, who apply for admission to the church, who will admit that certain doctrines are in the Bible, and yet refuse to believe them, on the ground that they seem to them *unreasonable*. As I feel assured that Jesus himself would welcome tenderly the first class, so do I feel certain that he would refuse the second. The exaltation of fallen reason above the revealed will of God, is a thought that is murderous in its nature. It would dethrone "the great I Am." And yet it is so appealing that it has reached already where, in the beginning, it could never have expected to come. The churches of Christ that once deferred to the eternal word, now sometimes make their appeal to reason as supreme. Their conduct can be reduced to this result. It is not now as much as it once was, in questions to be decided, What does the word say, but, What do men think. This deferring to reason is the central thought of Liberalism. If you ask why men do not believe the whole Bible to be inspired, the answer is, It is unreasonable. If you inquire why men deny the eternity of future punishment, the answer is, It is unreasonable. If you demand an explanation for the denial of the

divinity of our Lord, the answer is, It is unreasonable. The key-note of the skepticism of our age is this, that reason is supreme over all. And now when persons come for admission to our churches with this plea—that certain doctrines are unreasonable—it seems as though there were but one method of procedure, and that is, to refuse them admittance, if our labors to convince them of error prove futile. We can not do right in giving encouragement for a moment to any who place their reason above that word that is as stable as the eternal throne. It seems to me that the claim of liberals is to some extent true, "that their ideas are permeating the Orthodox churches." And it is proved by the fact that men do come into our churches denying their belief in doctrines that are admitted to be in the Bible, on the ground that they seem *unreasonable*. There is a cause for their coming. It was not so once. "The curse causeless shall not come." It is a law of political economy that the supply is of the nature of the demand. I am aware that many of the brethren will not sympathize with some of these thoughts. It is one characteristic of modern theology, as it seems to me, to reason too much and announce too little; and there are those who think it a favorable sign that men are reasoning more and believing less. They boldly declare that they welcome this inquiring spirit; they as boldy affirm that the faith of these doubters is more intelligent. It is laid down as one of the evidences of progress in theology, that reason is exalted to her proper place, which is demonstrably in humble silence before or with hearty assent to the word of God. The words of Ruskin, spoken where, and upon a subject that affords greater grounds for enthusiasm than any such evidence of progress in the discovery of religious truth, should cool the ardor of all such: "I could smile when I hear the hopeful exultation of many at the new reach of worldly science, and vigor of worldly effort, as if we were at the beginning of days. There is thunder on the horizon as well as dawn. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar." However others may view the signs of the time, our lot is chosen, and it leads us away from even the shadow of that which is the main stay of all that is unevangelical. There are others who see the danger of exalting the reason of man, and

yet seem willing to fall in with the current through fear that the cause of Christ shall be overthrown. It is a cowardice that covers unbelief; a cowardice that never slept upon the eternal decrees of God; that never permitted the soul to rest "with solid comfort" on the word that shall not fail. The whisper of the wind threatens such a storm that they run to reason as to a harbor. The glassy surface of God's ocean of truth but curls, and they tremble for fear of shipwreck. We are assured, and we may with confidence assure all who seek admittance to our churches, that the hammer of the geologist can never cleave an atom from the Rock of Ages. The telescope of the astronomer will never discover a flaw upon the sun of righteousness. The researches of the philosopher will never disturb the tranquil repose of one of the first principles of the oracles of God.

It seems to me that all have seen that there is danger in the direction indicated; that all must feel that our trust in the word of God should be strong enough not to feel the need of any human supports at all. We are urged to rest upon the divine. When we come to ultimates, God will not share his glory. It is not reason and the word, but simply the word, that is and must be authoritative. It is not the word with reason, but simply and forever the word. We can not therefore give place, no, not for an hour, to any candidate who arrays his prostituted reason above the word of God.

There is a third class that we have to meet, and in some communities it is the largest of the three classes. Those who refuse to admit that some of the doctrines believed by our denomination are in the Bible. This class is composed, in the main, of those who have been under Arminian influences. They do not intend to deny any portion of the Bible; they have, as they think, found out a different and better interpretation of the word. It seems to me that it depends altogether on what doctrines are questioned, and in what spirit they differ from us, whether we receive or reject them. Many of this class assume altogether too much to themselves. The teachers of the denomination into which they desire to come, ought to be expected to know better than they what is the true interpretation of the word. And while we would shrink from the Roman Catholic idea, that leaves every thing of highest concern to the priest, and destroys private

opinion and judgment, there is no question in my own mind but we are swinging to another, and only a little less dangerous extreme, in permitting almost unbridled license to the lay member of the church to make his own creed.

The ministry is amenable to the ministry, and every preacher of our denomination is held in check in regard to interpretation by the other members of the body. We are bound to conform to the standards of Orthodoxy. There are limits beyond which the brethren in the ministry can not go. There are requirements that must be complied with. Some may say that there is the power of discipline in the church, and members are also amenable to the assembled whole; but the discipline of the ministry is far more strict than the church. The minister of our body can not interpret, unrestrained, the word of God. He must keep within certain bounds, that in our opinion are altogether too wide, but there are limits that are as reasonable for the lay member as the minister; and it is not intolerant to demand, of those seeking admission to our churches, that they come within what are called evangelical limits. More than this, it does not seem to me to be intolerant that this class show a greater respect and deference to men ordained of God, whose life is to study, and whose calling is to expound the word. I submit this matter to you who are Fathers in the ministry; have you not been pained by the arrogance of Arminianism? The mere novice in religion attempts to argue with one who has lived in the Word. And while we do not ask of this class, who question decrees and election or the mode of baptism, while I say we do not ask of these that they go to any other source than the primal, we do demand that they have a higher regard for the opinions of men who are set apart for the purpose, and enjoined by the great head of the church "rightly to divide the word." No layman was ever yet summoned or commanded "rightly to divide the word." We do not deny the right of liberty of opinion; we do deny the right of looseness. We claim that the water of the river came from mountain springs, and that the way of the river leads to the fountains of living water; and we doubt whether God would have given apostles and teachers, if he intended that man, unguided, could find the highest springs. We ask of

this class, and, as we think, reasonably, that before they come, they show a profounder deference for the opinions of the officers of that church, whose fellowship they desire to share. Again, we demand of this class, that they have a greater deference to the voice of the church. It would be strange, indeed, if the Fathers of the church had made a mistake upon the points in which there is so striking a difference as between the real Calvinist and Arminian. The church of God is but the trailing glory of its Lord, the only visible tints and hues, after the departure of the Sun. The clouds that remained after the apparent going down of the Sun were long radient with its beauty. The truly Orthodox Christian has his eye upon that glorious procession of saints, martyrs and confessors. What they died to vindicate, what they lived to disseminate, must, in the main, have been right and true. The best men are, on the whole, always the nearest right; and it ought to appear the safest path to follow in the way they went. It is passing strange that this age has so much confidence in itself, when it is conceded, on every hand, that our piety is more superficial than in those "days that tried men's souls."

To the candid, the demand will seem reasonable, that the opinions of the Fathers be more highly reverenced and esteemed. We have been asked in just this connection, and by one of this third class, if we thought the church infallible? We have answered that we believe the Fathers, who by divine help made the standards of our church, the most infallible men that have ever lived since apostolic days. We believe our creed to be very much nearer infallibility than it is possible for manifestly poorer Christians to make. We believe that the truly Orthodox churches are the most infallible organizations on earth. At any rate, we believe that many Christians are more likely to be correct than one; and therefore we imperatively demand of every candidate that he have not even the appearance of believing *in his own infallibility*. The least we can ask is, that he oppose not himself to that body of believers who have loved, lived and died to establish the doctrines embodied in the creed of our churches. And now, as we said in the beginning of our discussion of this third class, we must be governed by the circumstances, the spirit of the candidate and the light given

us at the time of examination. It is impossible to establish the statement that one doctrine is absolutely more important than another. The great doctrines are like forts, and all lesser truths constitute the line of defense. We see this in the epistles of the Apostle Paul. Wherever the enemy masses his forces, whether against that which is in itself most important or not, that place becomes of all-absorbing interest, and demands the greatest watchfulness and care. The weakest spot in the whole line may demand all the attention of the strongest. The creeds of the evangelical church show how at one period one truth has been made prominent, and again another. Whatever of divine truth has been opposed — this has been fortified and strengthened. Whatever has been denied or questioned, this has been established. At one time we seem to see the whole energy of the apostle Paul flowing down into the doctrine of the resurrection. It is as though all the life force of a tree should pour itself for a little while into the branch that had begun to die, causing it, like Aaron's rod, to bud, blossom, and bear fruit in a single night. It is as though all the attention of the farmer was lavished on some neglected field, till its barrenness was conquered and it blossomed like the rose. It is, as we have said, like the massing of troops where the line is to be attacked. We may be sure it is right and scriptural to refuse admittance to any candidate whose opinions would in the least endanger the peace of the flock, or open the way for floods of error.

In conclusion: We may be assured that there is a baptism of the Holy Ghost which will melt away all that is wrong from our own hearts, and also from the hearts of those who apply for admission to our churches. There is nothing like the presence of the Lord to make all Christians *thoroughly one.* Sometimes we have been enabled so to speak and so to pray, that walls of opposition that seemed like immovable granite have become like the thinnest veil of ice in the presence of a torrid sun. This, dear brethren, is after all our only resource; if we can not pray differences away, there is but little hope of their removal. To have and manifest the spirit of our Master is the warrant of success in all our work. This will make us rightly tolerant where we ought, and rigidly firm where firmness is demanded.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

[In place of the full Report read at Milford, the following general statement is furnished by Rev. S. P. Leeds, Secretary.]

About eight hundred dollars have been contributed to the Education Society during the past year, in New-Hampshire, or nearly three times the amount annually raised for several years past. Thirteen young men have been assisted in Dartmouth College. Now that the fund accumulated during the war has been exhausted, the Society needs aid to an extent it has not done for many years.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was held at the office of Dr. Bouton in the State House, June 1, 1870. The Treasurer made his reports, which were adopted. Rev. John K. Young, D. D., was chosen a Trustee in the place of Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., deceased.

Made choice of the following persons as officers for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. Wm. R. Jewett.

Treasurer—Shadrach Seavey, Esq.

Auditor—Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D.

Prudential Committee—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Shadrach Seavey, Esq.

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee, held immediately after the annual meeting of the Trustees, appropriations were made to the amount of $200, to eight widows in indigent circumstances.

The Treasurer presented his reports, showing that the funds of the Widows' Charitable Society amounted on the first day of June, 1870, to $2,763.05

The amount of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, on June 1, 1870, was $1,464.41

The following donations have been received from June 1, 1869, to June 1, 1870:

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Ladies in Exeter,	$26.50
Rev. P. B. Day,	1.00
Rev. Horace Wood,	2.00
	$29.50

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Cong'l Society, Gilmanton Center,	$7.50
Cong'l Society Francestown (including $50 from Israel Bachelder),	94.00
General Association at Keene,	56.00
Rev. B. P. Stone,	1.00
Rev. B. Smith,	1.00
John Mooney, Northfield,	10.00
Congregational Society, Temple,	1.95
First Church, Keene,	30.25
Congregational Church, Pembroke,	5.28
South Congregatioual Church, Concord,	40.11
" " Durham,	18.00
" " Chichester,	4.00
" " Greenfield,	6.00
" " Stratham,	7.00
" " Lyme,	6.00
" " Littleton,	9.00
" " Hopkinton,	8.00
" " Campton,	8.00
Sabbath School, "	4.00
Congregational Church, Webster,	15.00
" " Gilmanton Center,	8.75
" " Sanbornton,	12.00
" " Salisbury,	6.50
	$359.34

For the information of any who may ask why our pecuniary resources are divided into two distinct sums, I would state, that the moneys contributed to the Society previous to the charter being modified, are left apart, forming the Widows' Charitable Fund. The interest of this fund can be paid only to the *widows* of indigent clergymen. Moneys given subsequently to the modification of the charter, are added to the Ministers' and Widows' Fund, the income of which can be appropriated to indigent clergymen, as well as to the widows of such. The utmost economy has been observed in the management of

the funds, the Prudential Committee paying themselves the necessary expenses which they incurred in the collection and disbursement. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, Aug. 22, 1870.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with H. S. HUNTINGTON, *Treasurer.*

1869.		Cr.
Aug. 26.	Balance in the Treasury,	$170.89
"	From Strafford Conference for 1869,	26.00
Oct. 2.	" Coos " "	4.00
1870.		
June 23.	" Rockingham " 1870,	36.00
" 29.	" Merrimack " "	32.00
July 12.	" Cheshire " "	24.00
Aug. 2.	" Grafton " "	24.00
" 10.	" Coös " "	4.00
" 18.	" Sullivan " "	14.00
" 23.	" Hillsborough " "	44.00
		$378.89

1869.			Dr.
Dec. 21.	Paid C. C. Pearson & Co., for printing 1,000 copies Minutes,		$157.66
1870.			
Aug. 24.	Rev. Geo. M. Adams' bill: namely,		
	Advertising,	$2.70	
	Printing Certificates,	2.75	
	Postage,	2.13	
			7.58
Aug. 24.	Postage and expressage on Minutes to date,		13.78
"	Letter Postage and Stationery to date,		4.90
			$183.92
Aug. 24.	Balance in Treasury,		194.47
			$378.89

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

ABBREVIATIONS. P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., Without Charge.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Formed April 20, 1841. QUINCY BLAKELY, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Almon Benson,	Center Harbor.			Dec, 23,1840	W. C.
Joseph Blake,	Gilmanton.	Bowdoin, 1835	Bangor, 1840	Mar. 3.1841	P.
Quincy Blakely,	Campton.	Univ. Vt., 1854	Union, 1857	Feb. 16,1859	P.
J. Henry Bliss,	Center Harbor.	Amherst, 1866	Hartford, 1869	Nov. 25,1869	A. P.
Cha's Burnham,	Meredith.	Dartmouth,1836		Nov. 7,1841	P.
Geo. Butterfield,			Bangor, 1838	Jan. 5,1839	
John Clark,	Plymouth.			Jan, 23,1835	S. S.
Liba Conant,	Orford.	Brown, 1819		May 29,1828	S. S.
James B. Hadley,	Campton.	Amherst, 1833	Andover, 1836	Sept.20,1838	W. C.
Cyrus Richardson,	Plymouth.	Dartmouth,1864	Andover, 1869	Sept.30,1869	P.
Moses T. Runnels,	Sanbornton.	Dartmouth,1853	Th. Ins. Ct., 1856	Aug. 13,1856	P.
Harvey M. Stone,	Laconia.		Bangor, 1847	Nov. 2,1848	P.
John K. Young,	Hopkinton.	Dartmouth,1821	Andover, 1829	Sept.24,1829	A P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Tuesday before the last Sabbath in January and October, and second Tuesday of May and August.

II. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 19, 1779. ——— ———, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
J. L. Armes,	Auburn.	Hamilton	With Dr. Blake	June25,1846	A. P.
Lauren Armsby,	Oberlin, Ohio.	Amherst, 1842	1 yr. Union, 2yrs.Andv'r 1845	May 27,1846	
Augustus Berry,	Pelham.	Amherst, 1851		Oct. 30,1861	P.
A. Burnham,	Hooksett.	Dartmouth,1852	Andover, 1857	Sept.30,1857	A. P.
M. A. Gates,	Salem.	Mich.Univ. 1855	Auburn, 1858	Sept. 2,1868	A. P.
Sam'l L. Gerould,	Goffstown.	Dartmouth,1858	Union, 1861	Oct. 3,1861	P.
James Holmes,	Bennington.	Dartmouth,1838	Andover, 1841	June22,1842	A. P.
William House,	Londonderry.	Col. of N.J.1854	Princeton, 1857	Oct. 7,1857	P.
Cha's L. Hubbard,	Merrimack.	Dartmouth,1865	Andover, 1868	Sept. 2,1868	P.
E. M. Kellogg,	Manchester.	Hamilton, 1840	Auburn, 1842	Oct. 26,1842	W. C.
Joseph Lanman,	Windham.	Yale, 1864	2 yrs.Union, 1 yr. Andv'r 1867	June 2,1868	P.
Jesse Page,	Atkinson.	Dartmouth,1831	Andover, 1835	Sept.16,1835	A. P.
Leonard S. Parker,	Oberlin, Ohio.	Oberlin		Dec. 16,1837	Ag'nt
E. G. Parsons,	Derry.	Bowdoin, 1833	Andv'r, 1yr. Bangor, 1837	Oct. 3,1837	W. C.
Theodore C. Pratt,	Tilton.			June21.1859	A. P.
J. L. Tomlinson,	Waterbury, Ct.		Yale, 1855	Oct. 1.1863	A. P.
William J. Tucker,	Manchester.	Dartmouth,1861	Andover, 1866	Jan. 24,1867	P.
C. W. Wallace, D.D.	Manchester.		Gilmanton, 1838	Jan. 8,1840	P.
Isaac Willey,	Pembroke.	Dartmouth,1822		Jan. 18,1825	Sec'y.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

III. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 4, 1834. SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained	Emp-m'n't.
Nathaniel Barker,	Wakefield.	Dartmouth,1822	Andover, 1825	Nov. 1,1826	W. C.
James Doldt,	Canterbury.			Dec. 26,1843	A. P.
Tho's V. Haines,	No. Hampton.			Feb. 1,1861	A. P.
Otis Holmes,	Long Island.			Sept. 8,1842	A. P.
Reuben Kimball,	North Conway.		Gilmanton	Jan. 27,1841	A. P.
Samuel H. Riddel,	Tamworth.	Yale, 1823	Andover, 1826	June 27,1827	P.
Horace Wood,	Alsum.		Gilmanton	1839	A. P.
John Wood,	Wolfeborough.		Th. Ins. Ct.	1840	Ag'nt

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, and second Tuesday of May, July and October. So few of the members of this Association are resident, that its meetings have been nearly discontinued for the past two years.

IV. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 5, 1762. D. E. ADAMS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
D. E. Adams,	Wilton.		Bangor, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	P.
Frederick Alvord,	Nashua.	Yale, 1855	Hartford, 1857	July 21, 1858	P.
J. S. Black,	Nashua.	Congregational Edinburgh.	Theologic'l Hall Scotland, 1869	Mar. 31, 1870	P.
Wm. Clark,	Amherst.	Dartmouth, 1822	Andover, 1827	Apr. 30, 1828	Sec'y.
J. G. Davis, D. D.,	Amherst.	Yale, 1836	Union, 1841	May 22, 1844	P.
Walter Follett,	Temple.	Middlebury, '25	Andover, 1829	Oct. 17, 1832	W. C.
Geo. E. Freeman,	Milford		Bangor, 1858	Oct. 5, 1858	P.
D. C. Frink,	New-Boston.	Beloit, 1859	Bangor, 1862	1862	P.
W. L. Gaylord,	Nashua.	Harvard,	Union, 1861	Sept. 14, 1860	P.
Daniel Goodwin,	Mason.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1838	Feb. 22, 1839	P.
George Goodyear,	Temple.	Yale, 1824	Yale, 1828	July 22, 1828	W. C.
S. H. Keeler, D. D.,	Mont-Vernon.	Middlebury, '26	Andover, 1829	Oct. 15, 1829	A. P.
James Laird,	Hollis.	Oberlin, 1861	Andover, 1864	Mar. 15, 1866	P.
Geo. F. Merriam,	Mason Village.	Amherst, 1861	Union, 1864	Mar. 7, 1865	P.
Jonathan McGee,	Nashua.	Williams, 1814	Andover, 1817	June 30, 1819	W. C.
H. Moore, D. D.,	Milford.	Harvard, 1799		Aug. 3, 1802	W. C.
Royal Parkinson,	Temple.	Dartmouth, 1842	Andover, 1847	Oct. 18, 1848	P.
David Perry,	Hollis.	Dartmouth, 1824	Andover, 1827	May, 1828	W. C.
A. Richards, D. D.,	Francestown.	Amherst, 1824	Andover, 1827	Nov. 7, 1827	A. P.
F. D. Sargent,	Brookline.	Amherst, 1866	Andover, 1869	Oct. 20, 1869	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

V. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 29, 1788. F. D. AYER, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
F. D. Ayer,	Concord.	Dartmouth, 1856	Andover, 1859	May 1, 1861	P.
G. I. Bard,	Dunbarton.	Uni'ty of Vt. '57	Andover, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	P.
S. L. Blake,	Concord.	Middlebury, '59	Andover, 1864	Dec. 7, 1864	P.
N. Bouton, D. D.	Concord.	Yale, 1821	Andover, 1824	Mar. 23, 1825	W. C.
E. Buxton,	Webster.			Apr. 10, 1836	P.
J. B. Cook,	Salisbury.		Bangor, 1849	Dec. 18, 1850	P.
C. Curtice,	Boscawen.		Gilmanton, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	A. P.
J. M. R. Eaton,	Medfield, Mass.	Amherst, 1841	Andover, 1844	Jan. 9, 1845	A. P.
A. W. Fiske,	Fisherville.	Brown, 1829	Andover, 1832	May 8, 1833	W. C.
H. S. Huntington,	Warner.	Yale, 1857	Andover, 1862	Jan. 31, 1866	P.
W. R. Jewett,	Fisherville.	Amherst, 1831	Andover, 1834	Jan. 8, 1837	P.
H. A. Kendall,	East Concord.		Gilmanton, 1839	Oct. 21, 1840	W. C.
S. Ketchum,	Bristol.		Bangor, 1863	Sept. 17, 1867	P.
H. Moody,	East Andover.		Gilmanton,	Nov. 22, 1843	A. P.
S. S. Morrill,	Henniker.	Dartmouth, 1855	Chicago, 1859	May 12, 1859	A. P.
H. B. Putnam,	West Concord.	Amherst, 1860	Hartford, 1866	Oct. 28, 1868	P.
W. T. Savage, D. D.	Franklin.	Bowdoin, 1833	Lane, 1837	Oct. 8, 1838	P.
Geo. Smith,	East Concord.			Aug. 9, 1853	A. P.
B. P. Stone, D. D.,	Concord.	Middlebury, '28	Andover, 1831	May 26, 1831	W. C.
C. B. Tracy,	Wilmot.	Williams, 1826	Andover, 1829	Feb. 1830	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, May, August and October.

VI. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 13, 1833. H. V. EMMONS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
H. V. Emmons,	Lancaster.	Amherst, 1854	Bangor, 1859	Nov. 15, 1860	P.
Hugh McLeod,	Colebrook.	Amherst, 1851	Bangor, 1854	June 27, 1855	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May and October. This Association includes also several neighboring ministers of Vermont.

VII. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Formed at Jaffrey, August 5, 1793. ELIJAH HARMON, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
S. H. Amsden,	W. Dover, Vt.		New-Hampton	June 12, 1856	A. P.
Z. S. Barstow, D.D.,	Keene.	Yale, 1813	Pres't Dwight	July 1, 1818	W. C.
J. S. Batchelder,	Hinsdale.	Williams, 1852	Andover, 1856	Oct. 20, 1858	P.
L. Brigham,	Troy.	Williams, 1833	Andover, 1836	Mar. 15, 1837	P.
R. Case,	Jaffrey.	Burlington, Vt.	Drs. Marsh and Wheeler, of B.	May 4, 1842	P.
H. H. Colburn,	Roxbury.		Rev. S. Conant	May 19, 1869	A. P.
T. W. Duncan,	Nelson.	Dartmouth, 1817	E. P. Bradford and Dr. Whiton	June 13, 1821	W. C.
A. C. Field,	Alstead Center.			1866	P.
E. Harmon,	Winchester.	Amherst, 1861	Hartford, 1867	Oct. 17, 1867	P.
W. S. Karr,	Keene.	Amherst, 1851	Union, 1854	Sept. 1, 1854	P.
J. A. Leach,	Keene.	Amherst, 1861	Andover, 1864	Feb., 1864	P.
G. Lyman,	Marlborough.	Amherst, 1827	Andover, 1831	Jan. 11, 1832	W. C.
J. L. Merrill,	Marlborough.	Dartmouth, 1856	Princeton	Oct., 1860	A. P.
J. F. Norton,	Fitzwilliam.	Yale, 1833.	East Windsor Hill, Ct., 1837	Oct. 23, 1844	P.
C. M. Palmer,	Harrisville.	Dartmouth, 1862	Andover, 1867	Dec. 8, 1868	P.
T. E. Roberts,	Keene.	Jefferson, 1854	Andover, 1857	Mar. 28, 1861	Ag'nt
J. M. Stow,	Sullivan.		Bangor, 1854	Jan. 31, 1855	A. P.
C. Willey,	Nelson.		Andover, as Res't Licentiate	Sept., 1845	A. P.
H. Wood,	Gilsum.		Gilmanton	July 10, 1839	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of May, August and October.

VIII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 7, 1801. WM. S. PALMER, Wells River, Vt., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
N. F. Carter,	Orfordville.	Dartmouth, 1853	Bangor, 1865	1867	A. P.
E. H. Greeley,	Haverhill.	Dartmouth, 1845	Andover, 1849	Nov. 7, 1849	P.
N. Lord, D. D.	Hanover.	Bowdoin, 1809	Andover, 1815	May 22, 1816	W. C.
Asa Mann,	Bath.	Amherst, 1838	Andover, 1842	June 19, 1844	P.
A. L. Marden,	Piermont.	Dartmouth, 1856	Union, 1859	May 30, 1861	P.
C. E. Milliken,	Littleton.	Dartmouth, 1857	Andover, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	P.
Asa D. Smith, D.D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1830	Andover, 1834	Nov. 2, 1834	W. C.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May and October.
This Association has from the first been composed of ministers from both Vermont and New-Hampshire.

IX. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 24, 1787. SYLVANUS HAYWARD, So. Berwick, Me., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Geo. M. Adams,	Portsmouth.	Bowdoin, 1844	Andover, 1850	Sept. 18, 1851	P.
J. O. Barrows,	Turkey.		Andover, 1863	June 9, 1864	*
Joseph Bartlett,	So. Newmarket.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1843	Oct. 7, 1847	A. P.
Solomon Bixby,	Kingston.	Waterville		June 30, 1853	A. P.
Clark Carter,	Great Falls.	Harvard, 1862	Princeton, 2 yrs. Hartford, 1867	Apr. 27, 1870	P.
J. W. Chickering, Jr.		Bowdoin, 1852		Sept. 19, 1860	
Cha's Dame,	Exeter.	Bowdoin, 1835	Andover, 1838	May 29, 1839	Ag'nt
Franklin Davis,	Newington.	Bowdoin, 1839	Bangor, 1845	Oct. 6, 1847	A. P.
E. D. Eldredge,	Kensington.	Amherst, 1829	Andv'r, 1 y. 1833	Apr. 4, 1838	P.
Joseph Garland,	Hampton.			1847	W. C.
T. V. Haines,	No. Hampton.			Feb. 1, 1861	P.
Ezra Haskell,	Dover.			1860	†
W. S. Kimball,	Farmington.	Amherst, 1863	Bangor, 1867	Sept. 3, 1867	A. P.
Giles Leach,	Rye.	Amherst, 1829	Andover, 1832	Feb. 6, 1833	A. P.
A. F. Marsh,	Rochester.		Bangor, 1867	Oct. 31, 1867	P.
James McLean,	Hampton.	Williams, 1856	Andover, 1859	Sept. 30, 1859	A. P.
Israel T. Otis,	Exeter.	Williams, 1828	Andover, 1834	June 10, 1835	‡
S. H. Partridge,	Peterborough.				‖
A. B. Peabody,	Stratham.		Andover, 1859	May 24, 1860	P.
Edward Roble,	Greenland.	Bowdoin, 1840	Andover, 1843	Feb. 25, 1852	P.
Geo. B. Spalding,	Dover.	Univ. Vt., 1856	Andover, 1861	Oct. 5, 1861	P.
J. H. Stearns,	Epping.	Dartmouth, 1840	Andover, 1843	Nov. 6, 1844	A. P.
Geo. W. Thompson,	Stratham.			Apr. 29, 1840	W. C.
Alvan Tobey, D. D.	Durham.	Amherst, 1828	Andover, 1831	Nov. 20, 1833	P.
Cha's C. Watson,	Dover.	Bowdoin, 1863	Union	July 11, 1867	P.
Isaac C. White,	Newmarket.	Oberlin, 1845	Andover, 1849	Oct. 23, 1850	A. P.

* *Missionary of A. B. C. F. M.*; † Acting Pastor at Barrington; ‡ Acting Pastor at *Brownington, Vt.*; ‖ Acting Pastor at Greenfield.

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, April, July and October. This *Association includes*, also, several neighboring ministers in Maine.

X. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 26, 1829. CHARLES A. DOWNS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Colleges.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
E. E. P. Abbott,	Meriden.	Dartmouth,1863	Andover, 1867	May 6, 1868	P.
Philander Bates,	Cornish.	Dartmouth,1833	Andover, 1837	Feb. 20, 1840	A. P.
B. R. Catlin,	Meriden.	Amherst.		Feb. 21, 1865	W. C.
Edward W. Clark,	Claremont.	Dartmouth,1844	Andover, 1847	Jan. 1, 1850	P.
Charles A. Downs,	Lebanon.	N. Y. Univ.	Union,	May, 1849	P.
Jacob Scales,	Plainfield.	Dartmouth,1817	Andover, 1820	Dec. 27,1820	W. C.
G. R. W. Scott,	Newport.	Middlebury, '64	Andover, 1867	Sept.17,1868	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, May, July and October.

XI. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1809. WILLIAM O. CARR, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
W. O. Carr,	Barnstead Par.	Amherst, 1857	Andover, 1860	Feb. 13,1861	A. P.
Jacob Chapman,	Deerfield.	Dartmouth,1835	Andover, 1839	June28,1845	P.
E. C. Cogswell,	Northwood.			Nov. 3, 1842	A. P.
Mark Gould,	Chichester.	Bowdoin, 1837	Andover, 1841	Oct. 8, 1841	A. P.
Charles Peabody,	Epsom.	Williams, 1838	Andover, 1841	Dec. 10,1841	A. P.
B. N. Stone,	Loudon.	Amherst, 1863	Bangor, 1869	Licentiate.	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

XII. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1812. GEO. DUSTAN, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Asahel Bigelow,	Hancock.	Harvard, 1823	Andover, 1826	Mar. 12,1828	P.
E. B. Claggett,	Lyndeborough.		Andover, 1844	Sept.30,1846	P.
W. R. Cochrane,	Antrim.	Dartmouth,1859		Mar. 18,1869	P.
Cha's Cutler,	Wayne, Mich.	Dartmouth,1852	Andover, 1856	Nov. 18,1857	A. P.
Geo. Dustan,	Peterborough.	Dartmouth,1852	Andover, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	P.
Morris Holman,	Deering.	Amherst, 1837	Andover, 1840	Jan. 15, 1845	A. P.
James Holmes,	Bennington.	Dartmouth,1838	Andover, 1841	June22,1842	A. P.
C. B. Tracy,	Wilmot.	Williams, 1826	Andover, 1829	Feb. 1830	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.

XIII. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1863. JOHN H. EDWARDS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
John H. Edwards,	West Lebanon.	Beloit, 1858	Union, 1862	Feb. 4,1863	P.
V. J. Hartshorne,	Enfield.	Dartmouth,1860	Bangor, 1864	Jan. 16,1865	A. P.
Henry A. Hazen,	Lyme.	Dartmouth,1854	Andover, 1857	Feb. 17,1858	P.
S. P. Leeds, D.D,	Hanover.	N. Y. Univ.1843	Union, 1846	June 18,1851	P.
D. J. Noyes, D. D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth,1832	Andover, 1836	May 3,1837	*
Henry E. Parker,	Hanover.	Dartmouth,1841	Union, 1847	Mar. 13,1849	*
John C. Proctor,	Hanover.	Dartmouth,1864	Andover, 1868	Ll.Sep.14'69	*
Heman Rood,	Hanover.	Middlebury, '19	Andover, 1825	June 12,1826	W. C.
E. D. Sanborn, LL.D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth,1832	Andover, 1834	Ll Nov.1,'36	*
Bezaleel Smith,	Hanover Center	Dartmouth,1825	Hanover, und'r Dr. Tyler, 1828	May 13,1829	A. P.

* Professors in Dartmouth College.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS MAY 31.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1870.				Admissions			Removals.				Bap'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	1777	A. C. Field,	1866	1866	9	25	34	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	$45 50
Alstead, New (2d),	1788	None.			26	40	66	16	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	60	30.00
Alstead (3d),	1842	F. B. Knowlton,	1865	S. S. 1867	5	19	24	4	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	81	24.00
Chesterfield,	1777	None.			5	14	19	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Dublin,	1827	None.			6	11	17	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	00.00
Fitzwilliam,	1771	John F. Norton,	Oct. 23, 1844	Sep. 23,1868	39	102	141	20	3	4	7	6	0	0	6	2	1	220	225.00
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	June 18, '39	S. S. 1866	12	30	42	5	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	80	150.00
Harrisville,	1840	Cha's M. Palmer,	Dec. 8, 1868	Dec. 8, 1868	13	23	36	5	3	3	6	0	1	0	1	3	0	75	71 00
Hinsdale,	Reorg. 1821	J. S. Batchelder,	1858	1866	44	90	134	12	2	7	9	2	3	1	6	1	4	180	282.00
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	1842	1867	31	72	103	23	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	125	120.48
Jaffrey, East,	1850	None.			16	46	62	15	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	50 00
Keene, (1st),	1738	Z.S.Barstow DD Pa'r Emeritus, W. S. Karr,	1818 1854	1818 1868	48	194	242	18	20	17	37	5	10	0	15	7	3	460	684.30
Keene, (2d),	1867	J. A. Leach,	Feb. 1864	Sep. 1869	87	162	249	9	37	21	58	0	0	0	0	26	6	305	1658.37
Marlborough,	1778	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, 1860	S. S. 1870	47	99	146	24	38	1	39	1	2	0	3	32	0	192	171.49
Nelson,	1781	Cha's Willey,	1845	S. S. 1869	35	57	92	22	9	3	12	3	1	0	4	8	2	90	141.32
Rindge,	1765	Dennis Powers,		S. S. 1870	62	109	171	19	10	0	10	1	2	0	1	1	0	205	200.55
Roxbury,	1816	H. H. Colburn,	May, 1869	S. S. 1868	5	12	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	11.50
Stoddard,	1787	None.			11	31	42	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	15.70
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 1855	S. S. 1863	31	54	85	14	2	3	5	2	5	0	7	1	3	120	125 52
Surry,	1837	Suppl'd by Meth.			1	11	12	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	00.00
Swanzey,	1741	Wm. H. Cutler,	1865	S. S. 1868	17	46	63	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	140	60.00
Troy,	1815	Levi Brigham,	1837	1870	23	32	55	14	3	5	8	1	3	0	4	1	2	125	228.85
Walpole,	1761	W. E. Dickinson,	Dec. 19, 1860	June 2, 1870	18	65	83	19	0	2	2	4	2	0	6	0	0	125	174 00
Westmoreland,	1764	None.			21	52	73	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	90	25.00
" Evang.,	1852	Tho's L. Fowler,		S. S. 1870	4	19	23	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	00 CO
Winchester,	1736	E. Harmon,	1867	1867	61	117	178	35	3	3	6	4	6	0	10	1	3	236	328.32
					677	1532	2209	352	133	72	205	39	49	1	89	85	27	3331	$4,822.90

Churches, 26; Pastors, 10; Stated Supplies, 9; Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained 1821; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833: Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1831; A. W. Burnham, D. D., Keene, ordained 1821; Thomas E. Roberts, Keene, ordained 1861; Giles Lyman, Marlborough, ordained 1832; C. W. Allen, East Jaffrey, ordained 1838; George L. Nims, Sullivan, Licentiate.

J. M. STOW, *Statistical Secretary.*

2. COOS [AND ESSEX, VT.] COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School	Char.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		Coll.
Bethlehem,	1802	Rev. Mr. Pinkham	F. W. B.		4	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	$00.67
Colebrook,	1802	Hugh McLeod,	1855	S. S. 1866	27	47	74	7	22	3	25	2	2	0	4	17	2	102	116.40
Dalton, First Cong.	Apr. 28, 1816	M. P. Marshall,	Methodist.		7	25	32	11	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	3.00
Franconia,	1814	None.			5	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	00.00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	June 31, '38	S. S. 1869	6	34	40	2	4	6	10	1	4	0	5	2	6	67	36.35
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov., 1860	Sept. 27, '65	34	108	142	28	0	4	4	3	2	1	6	1	3	200	214.80
Littleton,	1803	C. E. Milliken,	1860	1860	38	121	159	20	25	11	36	3	3	0	6	14	0	148	449.00
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	C. W. Drake, Lic.	May 19, '70		4	26	30	7	6	1	7	1	2	0	3	4	0	42	00.00
					125	374	499	77	59	25	84	10	17	1	28	38	11	744	$820.22

8 Churches.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Secretary.*

☞ Omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jona. McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, Secretary New-Hampshire Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; Geo. Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Daniel Sawyer, Merrimack; S. M. Blanchard, Hudson, ordained Oct. 27, 1858; Amos Abbott, Nashua, ordained 1857, returned missionary.

WILLIAM L. GAYLORD, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. GRAFTON COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	Jan. 19, 1844	Aug. 17, 1867	21	88	109	21	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	1	170	150.00
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	None.			1	4	5	2	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1823	Silas Ketchum,	Sept. 16, 1867	S. S. 1866	20	50	70	11	13	2	15	3	0	0	3	12	1	75	100.00
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	33	63	96	14	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	3	160	283.78
Canaan,	1803	None.			4	17	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S. 1866	29	40	69	9	0	1	1	0	3	3	6	0	0	75	23.62
Dorchester,	May, 1828	None.			6	12	18	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	00.00
Enfield,	May, 1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S. 1866	5	28	33	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	40	24.00
Groton,	Nov. 9, 1803	A. W. Fiske,	May 8, 1833	S. S. 1869	10	14	24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	10.00
Dart. Col., Hanover,	July 2, 1805	S. P. Leeds,	Jun. 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	105	138	243	115	9	7	16	5	6	0	11	6	0	120	450.00
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	Bezaleel Smith,	1829	S. S. 1861	27	63	90	24	1	3	4	2	2	1	5	1	1	100	80.21
Haverhill,	Oct. 3, 1790	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849	Nov. 4, 1869	53	128	181	42	1	2	3	4	3	0	7	0	0	125	258.78
Hebron,	1797	John Clark,	Jan. 23, 1835	S. S. 1870	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	50	22.50
Lebanon,	Sept. 29, 1768	C. A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	53	127	180	10	6	3	9	2	3	0	5	5	0	100	225.00
Lebanon, West,	Nov. 8, 1849	J. H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	53	99	152	14	3	6	9	2	2	0	4	1	1	200	500.31
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	H. A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Sept. 2, 1868	96	173	269	67	2	4	6	7	26	0	33	2	4	160	704.77
Ortordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	N. F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867	S. S. 1869	38	55	93	5	54	3	57	3	0	0	3	37	0	150	30.00
Orford,	April 30, 1822	Rob't Southgate,	Jan. 4, 1832	Dec. 1869	16	45	71	27	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	95.83
Piermont,	1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	43	72	115	39	12	2	14	2	6	0	8	11	2	92	85.00
Plymouth,	1764	Cyrus Richardson	Sept. 30, 1869	Sept. 30, 1869	41	115	156	34	24	2	26	2	0	0	2	20	0	130	285.00
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	None.			2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.00
Wentworth,	1830	Jas. C. Seagrave,	1851	S. S. 1865	12	51	63	10	1	3	4	0	3	0	3	0	0	120	89.35
					671	1399	2070	468	184	38	172	37	67	4	108	98	13	2142	3439.15

Churches, 22; Pastors, 9; Stated Supplies, 9; Vacant, 4.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 4, 1835; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 8, 1837; William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July, 1848; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Hanover, ordained March 18, 1849; Edwin D. Sanborn, Hanover, Licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836; William A. Packard, Hanover, Licentiate, 1857.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1870.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22,	1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, '44	64	150	214	20	3	4	7	3	6	0	9	1	1	175	$1062.76
Antrim, Pres.,		1788	W. R. Cochrane,	Mar. 18, '69	Mar. 18, '69	42	98	140	9	9	4	13	5	0	0	5	4	4	200	108.87
Bedford, Pres.,		1750	Ira C. Tyson,	Oct. 7, 1862	May 6, 1869	62	138	200	41	9	7	16	7	1	0	8	6	4	275	267.18
Bennington,	July 10,	1839	James Holmes,	June 22, '42	S. S.Nov.'59	15	34	49	13	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	30	105.74
Brookline,	Dec. 10,	1795	F. D. Sargent,	Oct. 20, 1869	1869	24	39	63	15	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	125	5.20
Deering,	Dec. 24,	1759	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S. 1863	8	32	40	4	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	65	17.07
Francestown,	March 8,	1773	A. Richards, D.D.	Nov. 7, 1827	S. S. 1866	100	184	284	50	6	2	8	2	1	0	2	0	4	381	770.79
Goffstown,	Dec. 29,	1801	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	33	100	133	15	2	3	5	4	6	3	13	2	0	230	216.67
Greenfield,	May 28,	1867	S. H. Partridge,	May 10, '53	S. S. 1869	33	70	103	12	3	20	23	5	5	0	10	2	0	120	54 40
Hancock,	Aug. 28,	1768	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, '50	45	90	135	30	0	1	1	2	7	0	9	0	3	200	257.26
Hillsboro' Bridge,	April 26,	1839	J. Cummings,	Nov. 15, 1843	S. S.	23	59	82	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	00.00
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12,	1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1861	15	25	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	16.00
Hollis,		1743	James Laird,	Mar. 15, 1866	May 25, 1870	85	146	231	28	1	2	3	8	7	0	15	1	2	220	504.00
Hudson,	Sept. 9,	1841	Vacant.			17	42	59	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3,	1844	L. H. Angier,		1840	2	8	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	00.00
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5,	1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, '46	S. S. 1869	37	60	97	25	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	160	130.00
Manchester, First,	May 28,	1828	C.W.Wallace, D.D.	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	140	364	504	95	7	13	20	4	13	0	17	3	5	553	1937.16
" Franklin st.,	June 27,	1844	W. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, '67	Jan. 24, 1867	69	184	253	40	14	23	37	4	3	0	7	5	3	560	2171.31
Mason, First,	Nov. 13,	1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	Apr. 18, 1860	32	56	88	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	108	66.97
Mason Village,	June 3,	1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	35	75	110	10	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	2	112	59.01
Merrimack, First,	Sept. 5,	1771	C. L. Hubbard,	Sept. 2, 1868	Sept. 2, 1868	51	109	160	34	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	147	190.75
" South,	Oct. 21,	1829	Vacant.			10	25	35	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Milford,	Nov. 19,	1788	Geo. E. Freeman,	Oct. 5, 1858	Dec. 23, '68	71	177	248	15	0	5	5	3	4	0	7	0	0	415	974.40
Mont-Vernon,		1780	S. H. Keeler, D.D.	Oct., 1829	S. S. 1868	48	122	170	38	4	0	4	4	6	0	10	3	3	170	178.00
Nashua, First,		1685	Fred'k Alvord,	July 21, 1858	July 6, 1869	95	323	418	94	6	16	22	5	3	0	8	4	3	220	1316.00
" Olive st.,	Dec. 31,	1834	James S. Black,	Mar. 31, '70	Mar. 31, '70	66	176	242	71	0	1	1	7	5	0	12	0	0	211	766.39
" Pearl st.,	Sept. 3,	1846	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14, '60	Dec. 31, '67	52	141	193	28	0	6	6	5	16	0	21	0	6	270	765.05
New-Boston, Pres.,		1768	D. C. Frink,		1862	Dec. 12, '66	51	124	175	13	13	2	15	1	0	0	1	3	0	230	175.00
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 21,	1760	Vacant.			69	133	202	65	3	4	7	4	15	0	19	1	0	120	200.00
Pelham,	Nov. 13,	1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	26	55	81	8	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	155	282.05
Peterborough,	April 21,	1858	Geo. Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	46	99	145	17	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	240	138.52
Temple,	Oct. 2,	1771	R. Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1848	Jan. 13, 1870	47	81	128	27	1	6	7	4	4	0	8	0	1	174	306.96
Wilton, East,	May 16,	1825	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	40	85	125	10	3	4	7	0	1	0	1	4	0	155	150.14
						1553	3604	5157	875	93	136	229	84	111	3	199	44	46	6241	$13,193.65

29 Congregational, 4 Presbyterian Churches. 22 Pastors; 8 Stated Supply; 3 Vacant. (See under Coos Conference, for ministers without charge.)

5. MERRIMACK COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S. 1869	9	19	28	7	6	11	17	0	1	0	1	2	2	90	30.00
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	C. Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	S. S. 1870	43	78	121	29	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	0	75	00.00
Bradford,	Nov. 2, 1803	None.			14	38	52	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Canterbury,	1760	James Doldt.	Dec. 26, 1843	S. S. 1869	21	55	76	16	0	2	2	0	7	0	7	0	0	125	00.00
Chichester,	1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1854	S. S. 1864	31	48	79	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	69	60.00
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	S. S. 1869	26	55	81	26	0	2	2	3	5	0	8	0	0	90	40.00
Concord, First,	1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept. 13, 1867	67	170	237	28	0	5	5	3	2	0	5	0	2	220	1282.00
Concord, South,	1837	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	83	205	289	14	3	8	11	7	5	1	13	1	1	381	1637.70
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	H. B. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1868	Oct. 28, 1868	46	105	151	24	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	140.00
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	G. I. Baird,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov. 21, 1866	36	73	109	8	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	165	241.62
Epsom,	1761	Charles Peabody.	Dec. 10, 1841	S. S. 1869	24	37	61	4	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	50	99.00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	41	75	116	23	7	6	13	6	3	0	9	2	4	222	300.00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	41	89	130	39	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	1	175	350.00
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	S. S. Morrill,	May 12, 1857	S. S. 1869	30	85	115	12	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	240	495.68
Hill,	1815	None.			6	12	18		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,	Sept. 30, 1857	S. S. 1865	13	33	46	15	13	0	13	0	1	0	1	12	1	45	12.56
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	J. K. Young,	Sept. 24, 1829	S. S. 1867	52	131	183	41	5	4	9	4	4	0	8	1	0	148	258.30
Loudon,	1789	B. N. Stone,		S. S. 1870	15	41	56	17	8	0	8	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	00.00
Northfield and Tilton	1822	T. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	S. S. 1870	40	117	157	50	3	1	4	3	3	0	6	3	6	140	135.85
Pembroke,	1737	None.			39	87	126	26	10	0	10	2	11	1	14	6	2	*150	117.00
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	None.			44	84	128	34	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	100	100.00
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	Jan. 13, 1869	29	54	83	20	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	63	58.33
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	34	77	111	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	175	205.00
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	52	79	131	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	150	175.75
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracy,	Feb. 1830	S. S. 1868	19	29	48	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	68	52.35
					855	1877	2732	510	67	50	117	53	54	3	110	33	25	3136	5791.14

Churches, 25; Pastors, 9; Stated Supplies, 12; Vacant, 4.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of N. H.; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 22, 1828; Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831—Treasurer of N. H. Missionary Society and N. H. Bible Society; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827; Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained January 18, 1826—Secretary of N. H. Bible Society; Licentiate, Charles A. G. Thurston, Bradford.

H. B. PUTNAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1870.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'm		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Vacant,			21	45	66	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	93	$171.29
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, '46	S. S. 1869	24	45	69	9	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	105	89 03
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	Vacant.			13	42	55	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	68	00.00
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, '46	S. S. 1866	74	110	184	29	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	0	0	193	241.74
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	Vacant.			76	124	200	44	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	131	330.16
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 30, '66	36	72	108	7	28	4	32	1	1	0	2	21	0	140	473 12
Derry,	1719	Vacant.			50	140	190	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	260	250.00
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	Vacant.			25	91	116	25	2	2	4	6	3	0	9	2	1	75	331.75
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	13	37	50	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	115	145.43
Exeter, 1st,	1638 Re. 1698	Vacant.			42	104	146	46	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	110	478.70
Exeter, 2d,	1813	J. W. Chickering,	Sept. 19, '60	Sept. 6, '65	31	85	116	37	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	4	159	862.00
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, '52	Feb. 25, '52	9	51	60	8	3	6	9	1	1	0	2	3	0	71	216.32
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Vacant.			20	77	97	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	118.52
Hampton,	1638	James McLean,	Sept. 1859	S. S. 1869	74	146	220	25	25	0	25	3	2	0	5	12	2	179	218.44
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 4, 1833	June 30, '64	13	41	54	8	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	80	30.00
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, '58	S. S. 1868	8	38	46	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	91.55
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	55	127	182	23	1	1	2	8	6	0	14	1	5	207	238.39
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	1825	S. S. 1846	9	35	44	4	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	6	1	212	15.00
Newington,	Oct. 26, 1715	Franklin Davis,	Oct. 6, 1847	S. S. 1864	3	13	16	1	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	31.00
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, '50	S. S. '65	16	42	58	15	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	141	84.16
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	April 27, '70	53	92	145	26	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	185	157.18
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. '65	38	70	108	14	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	3	3	127	00.00
Nottingham,	Aug. 1840	Vacant.			2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4. 1730	Calvin Terry,	Dec., 1846	S. S. 1869	23	56	79	17	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	500.00
Portsmouth,	July 11, 1671	George M. Adams	Sept. 18, '51	June 3, '63	106	294	400	76	35	4	39	5	9	0	14	17	8	392	1430.66
Raymond,	1791	Vacant.			57	99	156	18	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	137	42 25
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1786	Giles Leach,	Feb. 6, 1833	S. S. 1867	18	50	68	23	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	72	63 00
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	M. A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	S. S. 1870	17	59	76	10	5	8	13	1	4	0	5	3	1	100	15.00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	1836	D. W. C. Durgin,		S. S. 1870	12	24	36	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	52.00
South Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand,	Licentiate,		12	16	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	00.00
South Newmarket,	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 1847	S. S. 1869	3	14	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	40.00
Stratham,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 29, '60	Nov. 25, '69	14	34	48	9	1	6	7	3	0	0	3	0	0	111	305.13
Windham,	1742	J. Lanman,	June, 1868	June, 1868	44	109	153	20	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	3	130	172.00
					1011	2385	3396	578	123	51	174	65	44	0	109	72	31	4242	$7193.82

Churches, 33. Pastors, 9. Stated Supplies, 15. Vacant 9.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Thomas Jameson, Greenland, ordained July, 1825; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Joseph Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847; Charles Dame, Exeter, ordained May 29, 1839.

EDWARD ROBIE, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1, 1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			6	21	27	12	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	36	$19.25
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	Ezra Haskell,		S.S.Aug. '69	8	25	33	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	140	15.00
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant.			7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	00.00
Barnstead Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13,1861	S. S. 1867	16	27	43	4	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	110	38.00
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1837	J. H. Bliss,	Nov. 25, '69	S.S.Nov. '69	38	22	60	14	4	2	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	100.00
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Vacant.			21	61	82	13	2	1	3	5	4	0	9	2	0	70	3 00
Dover, First Church,	Jan. 7, 1639	Geo. B. Spalding,	1861	Sept. 1, 1869	66	226	292	50	12	13	25	7	1	0	8	4	3	230	512.05
Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	C. C. Watson,	July 11, 1867	July 11, '67	19	60	79	16	4	1	5	3	1	0	4	4	3	169	92.55
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, '33	Nov. 20, '33	25	67	92	12	5	3	8	1	3	0	4	3	6	120	314 50
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			5	16	21	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	35	5.00
Gilmanton Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3. 1841	June 13, '60	37	71	108	24	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	1	0	86	103.80
Gilmanton, I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Jeremiah Blake,	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S. 1865	14	36	50	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	15 00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			6	9	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Laconia,	June 28, 1824	H. M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	Feb. 12, '68	49	138	187	48	18	5	23	3	5	0	8	12	3	160	277.16
Lee,	Dec. 2, 1867	Vacant.			4	27	31	1	18	12	30	0	1	0	1	13	0	125	00.00
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Cha's Burnham,	Nov. 8, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	18	45	63	8	4	2	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	75	128.60
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	S. S. 1869	25	59	84	0	6	0	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	10.00
Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant.			9	17	26	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00.00
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 26, 1806	D. S. Hibbard,	1860	S. S. 1868	15	32	47	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	47	25.00
Rochester,	1737	A. F. Marsh,	Oct. 31, 1867	Oct. 31, 1867	40	111	151	16	30	3	33	5	1	0	6	25	10	175	148.87
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Selah Merrill,		S. S. 1870	16	67	83	49	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	80	00 00
Sanbornton,	Nov. 13, 1771	M. T. Runnels,	Aug. 13, '56	June 11, '68	42	87	129	15	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	1	1	123	244 28
Sandwich,	1814	Vacant.			6	13	19	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	00	00.00
Sandwich, North,	June 17, 1832	Vacant.			7	10	17	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	00	4 00
Somersworth, G. Falls	June 16, 1827	Clark Carter,	Feb. 13, '68	Apr. 27, '70	50	131	181	37	4	2	6	1	9	0	10	2	3	247	00.00
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	S. H. Riddel,	June 27, '27	Aug. 15, '60	32	73	105	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	145	95.82
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Wakefield,	June 17, 1765	D. D. Tappan,	Nov., 1826	S.S. Nov. '69	7	33	40	9	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	78.14
Wolfeborough,	Jan. 17, 1834	T. A. Emerson,	Nov. 25, '69	Nov. 25, '69	23	53	76	20	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	146	100 29
Wolfeboro', North,	June 18, 1839	Vacant.			4	12	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	00.00
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	W. S. Kimball,	1867	S.S. Sept. '69	15	32	47	11	13	1	14	0	0	0	0	10	1	75	113.22
					632	1097	2329	443	139	52	191	45	36	1	82	84	32	2669	2443.53

Churches, 31. Pastors, 11. Stated Supplies, 9. Vacant, 11.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. John Wood, Wolfeborough, ordained 1840; Almon Benson, Center-Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826. Alton and North Wolfeborough have been supplied part of the year by students, J. H. Miller and James Russell. Effingham supplied more than half of the year by Rev. Reuben Kimball, now without charge at Conway, ordained Jan. 27, 1841.

C. C. WATSON, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'm		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	S. V. McDuffee,	1869	S. S. 1870	46	90	136	26	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	120	$90.00
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, 1848	S. S. 1864	4	23	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	21 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	76	179	255	62	18	10	28	4	7	0	11	7	8	208	412.15
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20, 1840	S. S. 1866	25	53	78	8	6	1	7	3	2	0	5	4	0	75	128.00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant,			10	14	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.00
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	"			10	20	30	5	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	140	5 00
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	"			7	24	31	7	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	55	00.00
Lempster, 1st church,	Nov. 13, 1781	Benj. Howe,	Nov. 5, 1845	S. S. 1867	12	19	31	21	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	56	20 10
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			7	12	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	00.00
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, 1868	May 6, 1868	60	67	127	54	6	16	22	5	10	0	15	3	0	88	200.00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,	Sep. 17, 1868	Sep. 17, 1868	82	166	248	36	24	1	25	6	6	0	12	2	17	290	516 81
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			8	23	31	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	51 00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1850	S. S. 1869	2	18	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	22.00
					349	708	1057	242	60	31	91	24	29	0	53	18	29	1237	$1466.06

Churches, 13. Pastors, 3. Stated Supplies, 5. Vacant, 5.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb 21, 1865. LICENTIATE, Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., licensed May 8, 1850. Plainfield has been supplied by different ministers during the year. Mr. James W. Bond has been working as a missionary there during the summer. Goshen has had preaching one half the time in its house during summer, by Samuel E. Webster, missionary. Langdon has had Wm. H. Cobb, missionary. Croydon has not been supplied; neither has 2d church, Lempster.

G. R. W. SCOTT, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June 1, 1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Con.
	Total.	Vac.	Pastors	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	26	6	10	9	7	26	1	677	1532	2209	352	133	72	205	39	49	1	89	85	27	3331	$4822.90
2. Coos,	8	1	2	4	0	6	1	125	374	499	77	59	25	84	10	17	1	28	38	11	744	820.22
3. Grafton,	22	4	9	9	9	27	2	671	1399	2070	468	134	38	172	87	67	4	108	98	13	2142	3439.15
4. Hillsborough,	33	3	22	8	12	42	0	1553	3604	5157	875	93	136	229	84	111	3	198	44	46	6241	13193 65
5. Merrimack,	25	4	9	12	6	27	1	855	1877	2732	510	67	50	117	53	54	3	110	33	25	3130	5791 14
6. Rockingham,	33	9	9	15	4	28	1	1011	2385	3396	578	123	51	174	65	44	0	109	72	31	4245	7193 82
7. Strafford,	31	11	11	9	4	24	0	632	1697	2329	443	139	52	191	45	36	1	82	84	32	2669	2443.53
8. Sullivan.	13	5	3	5	2	10	1	349	708	1057	242	60	31	91	24	29	0	53	18	29	1237	1466.06
Total,	191	43	75	71	44	190	7	5873	13576	19449	3545	808	425	1233	357	407	13	777	472	214	23743	39160.47

SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS,

ASSOCIATION.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	New-York,	Iowa.
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Methodist Conference,	Rhode Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine. Missouri. Minnesota.
Harmony,	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention.
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode Island, Iowa, Nebraska,	New-York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon.	Ohio. Indiana.
Hopkinton,	Rhode Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota,	Mass. Association, Iowa, California,	Ohio, Michigan, Methodist Conference,	New-York. Illinois. Nebraska.
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada,		Vermont.
Monadnock,	New-York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Ohio, Michigan, Presbyterian Assembly, Methodist Conference.	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut. California. Canada.
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention.	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	Rhode Island.
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention,	Presbyterian Assembly. Kansas. Oregon.
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois.	New-York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M.	Mass. Association.
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana,	Canada,	Methodist Conference.
Union,	Presbyterian Assembly,	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin. F. W. B. Y. M.
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Association.	Michigan.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Changes Since the Publication of the Minutes of 1869.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1869. Oct. 20, Frank D. Sargent, at Brookline.
Nov. 25, Thomas A. Emerson, at Wolfeborough.
1870. March 31, J. S. Black, at Nashua, Olive street church.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1869. Nov. 25, J. Henry Bliss, at Center-Harbor.

PASTORS INSTALLED.

1869. Nov. 24, Edward H. Greeley, at Haverhill.
Nov. 25, Albert B. Peabody, at Stratham.
1870. Jan. 13, Royal Parkinson, at Temple.
April 27, Clark Carter, at Great Falls.
April 27, T. V. Haines, at North-Hampton.
May 4, Levi Brigham, at Troy.
May 25, James Laird, at Hollis.
June 2, Wm. E. Dickinson, at Walpole.
Sept. 1, S. S. Morrill, at Henniker.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

1869. Oct. 6, Prescott Fay, from New-Ipswich.
1870. Jan. 18, J. L. Tomlinson, from Chester.
Feb. 8, Leonard Z. Ferris, from Pittsfield.
Feb. 23, Silas P. Cook, from Marlborough.
April 27, S. H. Amsden, from New-Alstead.
April 27, E. N. Hidden, from Great Falls.
July 4, Edward W. Clark, from Claremont.
Sept. 4, J. W. Chickering, Jr., from Exeter Second Church.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1870. Aug. 2, Wm. Claggett, at Washington, aged 74.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number of churches is the same as reported last year. That at Shelburne is extinct. The church at Newington, which had become reduced to two members, and which has not been reported in our Minutes for some years (though it should have been), was reorganized by a council, Sept. 8, 1870. Ten persons were at that time received to membership by letter, and four by profession of faith.

Forty-three churches are reported as "vacant," which signifies that at the close of the statistical year they had no pastor or acting pastor, though the pulpit may have been temporarily supplied.

MINISTERS. In 1840 the statistics of the churches gave 112 pastors, and 24 stated supplies or acting pastors. (The report from the State was very incomplete, but probably the *proportions* are not far from correct.) In 1850 (the churches being still only in part reported) there were 107 pastors, and 45 acting pastors. In 1860 the pastors were 96, acting pastors, 52. In 1870 the record stands: pastors, 75; acting pastors, 71. It needs no prophet to announce which way we are drifting. The progress is assuredly in the wrong direction. There is need of higher ideas of the sacredness and value of a permanent pastorate; and less of the inconsiderate craving for change, for the mere sake of change.

The number of ministers connected with the Ministerial Associations of the State is 166, 17 more than last year. Several of these reside without the State, and two are members of two Associations.

Agreeably to the vote of the General Association in 1869, the place and time of collegiate and theological education of the ministers are this year given.

MEMBERS. The total membership of the churches is 19,449 a gain of 503 over last year. The additions by profession have been 451 greater than the removals by death.

One hundred and three churches report one or more additions by profession, 88 report none.

The number of absent members is 3545, which is 39 greater than last year. This list can be kept within proper proportions, only by constant fidelity on the part of pastors and churches in leading those whose home is permanently changed to a speedy change in church relations.

BAPTISMS. In 1840, out of 112 churches which (so far as can be understood from the imperfect manner in which the items were given) reported in this respect, infant baptisms had occurred in 77, 35 reporting none. In 1850, out of 122 churches reported, there were infant baptisms in 76, and none in 46. In 1860, out of 192 churches, there were infant baptisms in 92, and none in 100. In 1870, out of 191 churches, 74 report one or more infant baptisms, 117 report none.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS. The total is $39,160.47, which is $1,585.25 less than last year. Thirty churches, containing 991 members, report that they have given *nothing* to objects of benevolence.

Returns have been secured from every church in the State, though in the case of some of them it has been only after repeated and persistent applications. It is altogether wrong that the labors of the Statistical Secretaries of the Conferences and the General Association should be thus needlessly increased. If there were any hope that some good, honest scolding would reach those who deserve it, it should be cordially given. Will not all who need them accept and act at once upon the following hints:

(1) *Every* church, however small, should have a *Clerk*, who shall keep an accurate record of members, admissions, removals, baptisms, &c., and be prepared at any time to report at once, not after long investigation.

(2) Every church should have a *Treasurer*. If the pastor acts in that capacity, then whenever a church lose their pastor, they should immediately appoint one of their number to act as temporary treasurer. It happens in some of our churches every

year that, owing to the lack of a pastor, either no collections are taken, or no one knows how much has been given.

(3) All the churches should present *written* reports of their religious history for the year, at the annual meetings of their respective Conferences; and these should all be sent by the Statistical Secretaries of the Conferences to the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. Otherwise the Narrative of Religion for the State can not be properly prepared.

The following comparative statistics, giving the whole number of churches and communicants in the State at different periods, are drawn chiefly from a table prepared by Rev. Dr. B. P. Stone, and published in the report of the N. H. Missionary Society for 1852, page 29. Perfect accuracy is impossible in the figures for the earlier years, but they are probably a near approximation to truth. 1816 is the first year the statistics of the churches were published, and the number of communicants in 1843 was larger than in any year before or since.

Year.	1816	1820	1830	1840	1843	1850	1860	1870
Number of Churches in the State.	86	103	170	182	180	189	192	191
Number of Communicants.	7960	11,872	14,086	19,794	22,894	20,153	20,758	19,449

If it were not out of place in these remarks, we should be glad to allude to some of the years in the history of our churches which have been especially characterized by revivals. One such was the year 1831–2, when 3,913 were added to the churches. All the blessings enjoyed in the past are so many encouragements to us now. We yet feel the hallowed influence of the prayers and aspirations of those who have gone to a higher sphere. Let us seek, and expect, much greater things than have yet been witnessed, through the power of the gospel of Christ.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,

Statistical Secretary.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the Conference and Association in which each name occurs in the statistics.

Abbott, Amos, Nashua. 4.
Abbott, E. E. P., Meriden. 8. X.
Abbott, E. F., Westmoreland.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4. IV.
Adams, Geo. M., Portsmouth. 6. IX.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 4.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Alvord, Frederick, Nashua. 4. IV.
Angier, L. H., Litchfield. 4.
Arms, Josiah L., Auburn. 6. II.
Armsby, L., Candia. 6. II.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5. V.
Bard, George I., Dunbarton. 5. V.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7. III.
Bartlett, Joseph, So. Newmarket. 6. IX.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D.D., Keene. 1. VII.
Bates, Philander, Cornish Flat. 8. X.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1. VII.
Benson, Almon, Center-Harbor. 7. I.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4. II.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4. XII.
Bixby, Solomon, Kingston. 6. IX.
Black, James S, Nashua. 4. IV.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmanton I. W'ks. 7. XI.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 7. I.
Blake, S. L., Concord. 5. V.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 8. I.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 4.
Bliss, J. H., Center-Harbor. 7. I.
Bouton, Nath'l, D.D., Concord. 5. V.
Bradford, Samuel B., Francestown. 4.
Brigham, Levi, Troy. 1. VII.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5. II.
Burnham, A. W., D. D., Keene. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7. I.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5. V.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7. XI.
Carter, Clark, Great Falls. 7. IX.
Carter, N. F., Orfordville. 8. VIII.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1. VII.
Catlin, B. R., Meriden. 8. X.
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6. XI.
Chickering, J. W., Exeter. 6. IX.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro'. 4. XII.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8. X.
Clark, Frank G., Manchester. 4.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 8. I.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4. IV.
Cochrane, W. R., Antrim. 4. XII.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood. 6. XI.
Colburn, H. H., Roxbury. 1. VII.
Conant, Liba, Orford. 8. I.
Cook, Jonathan B., Salisbury. 5. V.
Curtice, Corban, Boscawen. 5. V.
Cutler, Wm. H., Swanzey. 1.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6. IX.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6. IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4. IV.
Dickinson, Wm. E., Walpole. 1.
Doldt, James, Canterbury. 5. III.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 8. X.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
Dustan, George, Peterboro'. 4. XII.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 8. XIII.
Eldredge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6. IX.
Emerson, Tho's A., Wolfeboro'. 7.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2. VI.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 8.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1. VII.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5. V.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4. IV.
Fosdick, A. J., Milford.
Fowler, Tho's L., Westmoreland. 1.
Freeman, George E., Milford. 4. IV.
Frink, D. C., New-Boston. 4. IV.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6. IX.
Gates, M. A., Salem. 6. II.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Nashua. 4. IV.
Gerould, Moses, Concord. 5.
Gerould, Samuel L., Goffstown. 4. II.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4. IV.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4. IV.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5. XI.
Greeley, E. H., Haverhill. 8. VIII.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 8. I.
Haines, T. V., No. Hampton. 6. IX. III.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Milton. 7.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7. VII.
Hartshorne, V. J., Enfield. 8. XIII.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7. IX.

Hazen, H. A., Lyme. 8. XIII.
Hibbard, D. S., Ossipee Center. 7.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Holmes, James, Bennington. 4. II.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4. XII.
House, Wm., Londonderry, 6. II.
Howe, Benjamin, Hudson. 8.
Hubbard, Charles L., Merrimack. 4. II.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5. V.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter. 6.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, Wm. R., Fisherville. 5. V.
Karr, Wm. S., Keene. 1. VII.
Keeler, Seth H., D.D., Mt. Vernon. 4. IV.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Manchester. 4. II.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5. V.
Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 8. V.
Kimball, Reuben, No. Conway. 7. III.
Kimball, W. S., Farmington. 7. IX.
Knowlton, F. B., Alstead. 1.
Laird, James, Hollis. 4. IV.
Lanman, Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6. II.
Leach, Giles, Rye. 6. IX.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 1. VII.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 8.
Leeds, Samuel P., D.D., Hanover. 8. XIII.
Lee, Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1. VII.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 8. VIII.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 8. VIII.
Marsh, A. F., Rochester. 7. IX.
McDuffee, S. V., Acworth. 8.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4. IV.
McLean, James, Hampton. 6. IX.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook. 2. VI.
Merriam, Geo. F., Mason Village. 4. IV.
Merrill, John L., Marlborough. 1. VII.
Merrill, Selah, Salmon Falls. 7.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 2. VIII.
Moody, Howard, East Andover. 5. V.
Moore, Humphrey, D.D., Milford. 4. IV.
Morrill, S. S., Henniker. 5. V.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 1. VII.
Noyes, Daniel J., D.D., Hanover. 8. XIII.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6. IX.
Page, Caleb F., Milton Mills. 7.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6. II.
Palmer, Charles M., Harrisville. 1. VII.
Park, Harrison G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., D.D., Hanover. 8. XIII.
Parkinson, Royal, Temple. 4. IV.
Parsons, Benj. F., Derry. 6. II.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6. II.
Partridge, S. H., Greenfield. 4. IX.
Peabody, Albert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Peabody, Cha's, Epsom. 5. XI.
Perry, David, Hollis. 4. IV.
Powers, Dennis, Rindge. 1.
Pratt, Theodore C., Tilton. 5. II.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 8.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Rand, Wm. A., South Seabrook. 6.
Richards, A., D.D., Francestown. 4. IV.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 8.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 8. I.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts, Thomas E., Keene. 1. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6. IX.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 8. XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. I.
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 4. IV.
Savage, Wm. T. D.D., Franklin. 5. V.
Sawyer, Daniel, South Merrimack. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 8. X.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8. X.
Smith, Asa D., D.D., Hanover. 8. VIII.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 8. XIII.
Smith, George, East Concord. 5. V.
Southgate, Robert, Orford. 8.
Spalding, Geo. B., Dover. 7. IX.
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 8.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6. IX.
Stone, B. N., Loudon. 5. XI.
Stone, Benj. P., D.D., Concord. 5. V.
Stone, Harvey M., Laconia. 7. I.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Terry, Calvin, Plaistow. 6.
Tewksbury, Geo. F., Gorham. 2.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6. IX.
Thurston, Cha's A. G., Bradford.
Tobey, Alvan, D.D., Durham. 7. IX.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5. V. XII.
Tucker, Wm. J., Manchester. 4. II.
Tyson, Ira C., Bedford. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord, 5.
Wallace, C. W., D.D., Manchester. 4. II.
Watson, C. C., Dover. 7. IX.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6. IX.
Willey, Charles, Nelson. 1. VII.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5. II.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1. VII. III.
Wood, John, Wolfeborough. 7. III.
Young, John K., D.D., Hopkinton. 5. I.

SIXTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT MILFORD,

AUGUST 25, 1870.

CONCORD:
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1870.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Society held its sixty-ninth annual meeting for the transaction of business in the Vestry of the Congregational Church in Milford, Thursday, August 25, 1870, at nine o'clock A. M., when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*
Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, *Vice-President.*
Rev. William Clark, Amherst, *Secretary.*
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
John Kimball, Esq., S. G. Lane, Esq., Concord, *Auditors.*

Trustees elected in 1870.

Rev. Alvin Tobey, D. D., Durham,
Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton,
Hon. J. W. Noyes, Chester.

Trustees elected in 1869.

Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville,
Rev. E. G. Parsons, Derry,
Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville.

Trustees elected in 1868.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord,
Rev. Asa Mann, Bath,
C. F. Stewart, Esq., Concord.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees in the Vestry of the Congregational Church at Milford, Aug. 25, 1870, the following members of the Board were appointed Executive Committee for the ensuing year: namely,

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord,
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord,
Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord,
Rev. WILLIAM CLARK, Amherst,
Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Fisherville.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-ninth annual meeting of the society was held in the Congregational Church, Milford, August 25, 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. I. W. Picket, of Iowa.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which, having been audited, was adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, when Rev. A. Tobey, D. D., of Durham, moved its adoption and publication, under direction of the Trustees, with an address, seconded by Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Manchester, and Rev. Dr. J. E. Roy, of Chicago.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

On this, the sixty-ninth anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the Trustees can report to its friends and patrons but little out of their usual course of procedure, or of the results of missionary labor. Our missionaries, industrious, devoted, persevering, cherishing a sense of their responsibilities, have not labored in vain. Though not cheered in their work by marked results, they report an abiding interest in the churches they serve in the ministrations of the gospel, more or less hopeful conversions, and in several instances, encouraging additions to their churches. Sabbath schools generally hold their own; in some instances a gain in attendance. On the whole, as healthful state of things, religiously, exists in our mission churches, as in those that are self-sustaining. In both, for the most part, we regret to say, spiritual religion has been at a low ebb during the year now reported. While we report, with gratitude, the continuance of the lives of all the officers of the society, we are pained to announce the death of one of our missionaries, Rev. WILLIAM CLAGGETT, of Washington, who died after a short, painful sickness, on the first instant, aged 74. He was a good man, amiable, loving, beloved as a sympathizing pastor, devoted to his Master's cause, with whom he must now be, beholding his glory. His sudden death is an admonition to us all, to "be also ready;" to "do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do."

SUMMARY.

Number of missionaries employed within the year, 46, of whom 28 during the entire year, 18 for shorter terms, from two to four and six months.

Two missionaries have been ordained as pastors over the churches they serve—Rev. J. H. Bliss, of Center-Harbor, and Rev. J. D. Sargent, of Brookline. These, together with Rev. Mr. Eldredge, of Kensington, and Burnham, of Meredith Village, are the only number of our missionaries who are pastors; all others are stated supplies.

Within the year 13 missionaries have left their respective fields of labor; 12 new ones have entered our service within that time. Appropriations granted, $5,903, which have secured 38⅛ years missionary service, at an average cost per year of $155.33; average attendance in 30 congregations, 2,943; average to each, 94.

Members reported in 28 churches, 1,114, of whom 298 are males, 816 females; average to each church, 39 11-14.

Hopeful conversions in 16 churches, 51; additions to 19 churches, 94; about one third by letter.

Removals from 18 churches, 50; gain, 44; baptisms in 21 churches, 57, of which 23 were infant and 34 adult.

Scholars in 28 Sabbath schools, 1833; contributions in 21 churches, for Home Missions, $496.63; an average to each contributing church of $23.65.

Contributions to all other objects in 22 churches, $589.24.

Total contributions by 22 churches, $988.87; average to each, $44.94.

Just one half of the 42 churches and congregations, aided by our Missionary Society, have reported no donations to Home Missions during the year; 20 have reported none to any Christian object. "This is a lamentation and shall be for a lamentation." Shall churches receive from $100 to $200, or more, year after year, from the funds of our Missionary Society, not a small part of which comes from the hard earnings, the self-denials of poor men and women, that they may enjoy the institutions of the gospel, and yet not give a cent back to the society in return for their benefactions? This is all wrong. It is a culpable dereliction of Christian duty. Churches guilty of it can never be made strong, can never exert much influence for good, either among themselves or elsewhere.

RECEIPTS.

Receipts for the year from all sources,		$8,562.44
Of which for American Home Missionary Society, including legacy of $200,		833.87
Leaving for New-Hampshire Missionary Society,		$7,728.57
Of this sum were legacies,	$2,403.33	
Income from permanent fund,	179.01	
Interest,	55.52	
For needy missionary,	20.00	
For feeble church in New-Hampshire,	5.00	
For supply of pulpits by Wm. Clark,	17.00	
		$2,679.86
Leaving from churches and individuals,		$5,048.71
Sent directly to American Home Missionary Society, not passing through our treasury:		
In legacies,	$370.99	
In donations,	665.49	
Making,		$1,036.48
Whole amount received in the State,		$9,598.92
Last year,		21,534.94
Excess in 1869 above 1870, owing to unusually large legacies in 1869,		$11,936.02
Receipts of New-Hampshire Missionary Society in 1869,		$7,849.36
" " " 1870,		8,562.44
Excess in 1870 above 1869.		$713.08

CENT INSTITUTION.

Receipts from the New-Hampshire Cent Institution, including $252.66 income from memorial fund in 1870,	$2,466.78
Receipts from same source in 1869,	2,602.28
Decrease in 1870,	$135.50

MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund now amounts to,	$4,280.00
Increase during the year,	870.00

Present number of members, 428.

DISBURSEMENTS.

These have been within the year	$7,807.18
Of which expended in New-Hampshire,	6,973.31
Paid over to American Home Missionary Society,	$833.87
Balance in Treasury,	$3,379.42

TABULAR VIEW.

Details that can be exhibited in a compact form may be seen in the following general table, showing in parallel columns:

1. An alphabetical list of churches aided, and the names of missionaries.
2. Dates of last commission.
3. Length of commission, in months.
4. Amount of aid pledged for time named in preceding column.
5. Months of labor performed since last report.
6. Average congregations.
7. Hopeful conversions.
8. Number of church members.
9. Number of additions.
10. Number of dismissions.
11. Number of baptisms.
12. Number of Sabbath school scholars.
13. Contributions to home missions.
14. Contributions to other objects.
15. Total contributions.

TABULAR VIEW.

	CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor performed.	Average Congregation.	Hopeful Conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.			Sab. Sch. Scholars.	Contributions.		
								Male.	Female.	Total.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Mis'ns.	Other objects.	Total.
1.	Alstead, New—Rev. S. H. Amsden,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	125 00	12																		
2.	Alstead—Rev. F. B. Knowlton,	April 1, 1870	12	50 00	12	80	1	5	19	24	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	2	81		24 00	24 00
3.	Alton— { Mr. M. L. Gordon, / Mr. J. H. Miller,	April 6, 1870	1	30 00	1	75	2	6	21	27											30	6 25	13 50	19 75
		May 1, 1870	4	67 00	3½																			
4.	Andover, East—Rev. H. Moody.	Jan. 1, 1870	12	300 00	12	150	2	9	18	27	6	11	17					2	2	4	90	30 00		30 00
5.	Brookline—Rev. F. D. Sargent,	Sept. 1, 1869	12	150 00	11	117½	1	24	40	64		6	6		2		2	2	3	3	125	20 50	12 00	32 50
6.	Canaan—Mr. A. W. Hubbard,	May 1, 1869	4	60 00	4																			
7.	Center-Harbor— { Rev. J. H. Bliss, / Mr. C. M. Terry,	Nov. 1, 1869	12	200 00	10	100																		
			4	60 00	4		2	22	38	60		2	2		1		1		2	2	100	20 00	29 50	49 50
8.	Charlestown—Rev. H. H. Sanderson.	Oct. 13, 1869	12	200 00	12	60	1	5	22	27					1		1				50			
9.	Chatham—Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 22, 1869	12	150 00	12	75	15	19	30	49	12		12	1			1	1	9	10	80	6 00	23 00	29 00
10.	Conway—Mr. J. S. Glendenning,	May 1, 1870	4	67 00	3½	200	0	21	60	81	2	1	3	5	4		9	1	2	3	75	3 00		3 00
11.	N. Conway and vicinity—Rev. R. Kimball,	Jan. 19, 1870	3	84 00	3																			
12.	Danbury—Rev. J. Le Bosquet,	May 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	100		29	40	69					3	3	6				75	24 62	6 00	30 62
13.	Deering—Rev. Morris Holman,	July 1, 1869	12	187 00	12	75	2	8	32	40	2		2		2		2		1	1	65	17 00		17 00
14.	Dover, Belknap Ch.—Rev. C. C. Watson,	Jan. 1, 1870	12	200 00	12	150	0	19	60	79	4	1	5	3	1		4	3	4	7	179	23 00	45 00	68 00
15.	Dublin— { Rev. A. J. Fosdick, / Mr. W. H. Ayer,	May 1, 1869	12	150 00	9																			
		May 1, 1870	4	67 00	1																			
16.	Effingham—Rev. R. Kimball,	May 1, 1869	6	25 00	6			4	11	15				3			3				26	5 00		5 00
17.	Enfield—Rev. V. I. Hartshorne,	May 20, 1869	12	200 00	12	75	2	4	27	31		2	2	1			1		2	2	40	6 00	18 00	24 00
18.	Enfield, East—Mr. C. H. Rodney,	May 1, 1869	4	67 00	4																			
19.	Epping—Rev. J. H. Stearns,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	250 00	12	120	1	13	37	50				2			2				105	49 13	96 30	145 43
20.	Gorham—Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury,	Sept. 1, 1869	12	250 00	12	75		6	34	40	4	6	10	1	4		5	6	2	8	67	20 00	16 35	36 35
21.	Goshen—Mr. Sam'l A. Webster,	May 1, 1870	4	67 00	3½	150	3	10	20	30	2	1	3	1			1	1	1	1	40	5 00	33 00	38 00
22.	Groton—Rev. Albert W. Fiske,	June 1, 1869	6	80 00	6																			
23.	Hebron, Rev. Geo. Butterfield,	May 1, 1869	12	150 00	12																			
24.	Kensington—Rev. E. D. Eldredge,	Jan. 1, 1870	12	150 00	12	110	1	12	41	53	2	4	6	1			1		1	1	95	20 00	60 00	80 00

25.	Kingston—*Rev. Solomon Bixby,*	*Feb.*	*1,*	*1870*	12	100	00	12	120	4	8	38	46							1		1	88	26	00	65	55		
26.	Langdon—{ Mr. C. P. Sprowle,	July	25,	1869	2	30	00	2	90	5	5	19	24		2	2	1	2	3				55						
	{ Mr. Wm. H. Cobb,	May	1,	1870	4	67	00	3½																					
27.	Lempster—Rev. B. Howe,	June	1,	1869	12	150	00	12			12	19	31	2		2	1	2	3	1	1	2	55	10	10	10	00	20	10
28.	Merrimack, South—Mr. C. M. Des Islets,	May	1,	1870	4	67	00	3½	65		10	15	25										30						
29.	Meredith Village—Rev. C. Burnham,	Dec.	1,	1869	12	75	00	12	126	0	20	44	64	4	2	6	1		1		1	1	80	108	60	15	00	123	60
30.	Milton Mills—Rev. C. F. Page,	Sept.	1,	1869	12	187	00	12		2														8	50	5	96	14	46
31.	Newmarket, South—Rev. J. Bartlett,	Dec.	1,	1869	12	200	00	12	70		3	9	12		8	8							40	20	00	15	00	36	00
32.	Newington—Rev. F. Davis,	Nov.	1,	1869	12	150	00	12	125	6													60	21	00	5	00	26	00
33.	Oselpee Center—Rev. D. S. Hibbard,	Nov.	22,	1669	12	100	00	12	56	0	15	32	47				1		1				47	15	00	30	00	45	00
34.	Plainfield—{ Mr. Geo. A. Seely,	May	1,	1869	4	60	00	4																					
	{ J. W. Boal,	May	1,	1870	4	67	00	8½																		22	00	22	00
35.	Roxbury—Rev. H. H. Colburn,	Apr.	2,	1870	12	150	00	12	50		5	12	17										40			3	00	3	00
36.	Seabrook, South—Mr. W. A. Rand,	Aug.	1,	1869	12	200	00	12	150		12	16	28										175						
37.	Stoddard—Rev. D. F. Savage,	Jan.	1,	1869	12	200	00	12																					
38.	Wakefield—Rev. D. D. Tappan,	Dec.	1,	1868	12	150	00	12	50		7	33	40	3		3		1	1		2	2	80	11	82	21	82	33	64
39.	Washington—Rev. Wm. Claggett,	May	1,	1869	12	200	00	12	75		2	17	19				1		1				50	22	00			22	00
40.	Wilmot—Rev. C. Tracy,	Jan.	1,	1870	12	150	00	12	80		19	29	48	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	2	68	39	21	13	36	52	57
41.	Wolfeborough, North—Mr. J. R. Russell,	May	1,	1870	4	67	00	3½	50		4	12	16										30						
42.	W. Stewartstown—{ Mr. N. F. Cobleigh,	Dec.	1,	1869	2	30	00	2	125		4	26	30	6	1	7	1	2	3		4	4	42						
	{ Mr. C. W. Drake,	May	1,	1870	4	67	00	3½																					

DETAILS.

1. *Alstead, New.*—Rev. S. H. Amsden closed his services in this field, December 31. No intelligence has been received from the church since his departure. Whether they have preaching now, is not known to the Secretary.

2. *Alstead.*—Rev. A. B. Knowlton continues his labors here, with faith and patience, amid many discouragements. Some religious thoughtfulness. Tide of scepticism and infidelity very great. Intemperance, profanity, Sabbath-breaking, extensive. Universalists have had preaching part of the year. The evangelical society on better footing than a year ago. One hundred and twenty dollars of the salary paid by the Ladies' Society. One hundred and thirty-five by individuals outside of the evangelical society.

3. *Alton.*—The religious society here deserves much credit for its efforts to sustain the institutions of the gospel. That, rather than the church, reduced greatly in numbers and strength, assumes the responsibility of doing this. While they have had no pastor, nor stated supply for several years, they have managed to have preaching most of the time, by students from our theological seminaries, principally from Andover, who pass the Sabbath in labors at Alton. Mr. M. L. Gordon, of that Seminary, spent his last spring vacation of four weeks there. Since May 1st, Mr. J. Henderson Miller, of the Theological Seminary, Princeton, New-Jersey, has been the incumbent and will remain till September. His report of the state of things at Alton is very encouraging; very much to his own credit, as a faithful, indefatigable worker for Christ and his cause, and honorable to the people whom he serves. He preaches thrice on the Sabbath at Alton; and at 5 o'clock on the same at "The Gore," two miles distant. He organized three prayer meetings during the week, but they have all grown into regular services. "So, altogether, I preach seven times during the week." Abundant labor this; too much to be long continued. "Could this people only have a regular minister, its prospects would be good for permanent existence." Such we earnestly hope they may soon have.

4. *Andover, East.*—Our Missionary here, Rev. Mr. Moody, is working hard and judiciously to rebuild this waste place.

Three Congregational churches have been formed here, the last of which was nearly extinct when he commenced labor in the town, January 1st, 1869. It has rallied and been somewhat increased in numbers under his efforts. It now has nine males and eighteen females. About the 1st of April a subscription of $250 was raised at "the Center," four or five miles from "the East," for the services of Mr. Moody part of the time. Since the above named date, he has preached in the morning at "the East," in the afternoon at the "Center," where there is a prosperous Sabbath school. Mr. Moody writes: "What I am aiming to do, is to build up a church that shall be a light in this dark place. In such an institution there is hope. In any other society that may be formed in this town I have very little confidence."

5. *Brookline.*—Rev. J. D. Sargent was ordained over the church here about the 1st of September, whose services are acceptable to the church and people. With the Divine blessing, it is hoped and believed they will result in great good.

6. *Canaan.*—Mr. A. W. Hubbard, a member of Princeton Seminary, was laboring here at our last anniversary. He left in September. During the winter the church had no regular preaching. An effort was made early in the spring to raise funds to sustain, with aid from our society, for four months, a student from the same institution. By request of some members of the church, one was commissioned for that time. But difficulties arising, from want of harmony in the church and society, in regard to the employment of a missionary, the commission was reluctantly recalled. The church, at best, is very feeble, through its dissensions; must soon become extinct, without special interposition of God. It is understood that the Grafton County Conference, at its late meeting in Danbury, arranged to secure supplies of preaching to the Canaan church through the summer, by the clerical members of that body.

7. *Center-Harbor.*—Rev. J. H. Bliss, from the Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, was ordained pastor of this church in November last. Previous to his ordination, there had been considerable religious interest in the place, as fruits of which, about a year since, eight were added to the church by profession, four by letter. On a recent Sabbath four more were

expected to unite, by profession. Mr. Bliss labors in two out districts: One, "the Neck," extends down and into the Lake six or eight miles. The church and society in Center-Harbor are composed of individuals living in three towns, Meredith, Center-Harbor and Moultonborough. They occupy an important center of influence.

8. *Charlestown.*—Peculiar is the history of this church. Formed 35 years ago, it has but just lived ever since. No stronger now, if so strong, as at its organization, August 1, 1835, when it embraced 23 members, of whom seven were males. Present number, 27, of whom but five are males. Pecuniary strength probably less now than at first. Our missionary reports: "The whole society may be worth $5,000 or $6,000." Among the reasons of the continued feebleness of the church is the very strong opposition of the people of the town, generally, to evangelical religion. It requires much moral courage in new comers to the place—one of the most beautiful, physically, in the State—to unite with the evangelical society, or to attend its Sabbath services. The history of this church inspires but little hope that it will soon, if ever, be self-sustaining. But as it is almost the only source of evangelical influence in the town, it seems important to continue to sustain it. Our missionary labors under great discouragement. He says, "I regret I can not submit a more encouraging report, but I can not. What I can do for Christ I hope I have a heart to do; but I must say my heart is deeply pained, not only by the desolations here, but at those that exist all around here."

9. *Chatham.*—The designation of this church is "The Congregational Church of Chatham and Stowe." Stowe is in Maine. The church receive aid from the missionary societies in both States. Hitherto the church have had no meeting-house, having held their Sabbath services in the town houses of the two towns. They are now erecting a church edifice, expecting aid from "the Building Fund." Mr. Pike labors earnestly and faithfully in the territory of the two towns, with encouraging success. Within the year 12 have been added to the church.

10. *Conway.*—Mr. John S. Glendenning, of the Princeton Theological Seminary, is on a mission to this church, of four months, from May 1. He preaches alternately at the "North"

and the "South," some four miles apart. At the north the church building has recently been repaired. Mr. Glendenning writes: "The congregations to which I minister, though small, are exceedingly active in the Master's service. They faithfully attend the means of grace, and do all in their power to aid me in the work of winning souls to Christ. As I come in contact with the people from day to day, I find a general seriousness pervading their minds, a willingness to converse on the subject of religion. It is with gratitude to God, that I record this fact."

11. *Conway, North, and vicinity.*—Rev. Reuben Kimball, for many years our missionary at Conway, was commissioned to labor in the autumn of last year three months, among destitute churches and communities in Carroll county. Having faithfully performed his mission, principally in Effingham, he has been recommissioned for four months, to serve in the same county. The results of his ministry in Effingham, where the church have been long destitute of regular preaching, were, important repairs of their meeting-house. Great moral desolations exist in Effingham and vicinity. The two churches in Sandwich, at "the North and South," and that in Moultonborough are destitute, in all of which Mr. Kimball will labor more or less the present season, as Providence may seem to direct. The trustees are very glad to have a long tried, discreet, earnest, faithful missionary like Mr. Kimball in that large, destitute field.

12. *Danbury.*—No special change from the state of things as reported last year. Through the resolute efforts of our missionary, Rev. J. Le Bosquet, the church edifice has been painted externally; the church and society have had usual prosperity. Average congregation, 100; Sabbath school, 75.

13. *Deering.*—The missionary writes: "We have some reason for encouragement, four having united with the church, by profession, during the past year. We are about making an addition to our Sabbath school library. The past winter we raised funds to repair and beautify our church edifice, which are now being expended—some $400 or $500. While the apparent good results of labor, in such a place as this, is less manifest than we could desire from year to year, yet we feel an assurance that good is done to the cause of Christ, by those, in early life, going out to make a home for themselves in other places, in the firm,

decided stand they take for the promotion of every thing good in society. Thus we see some of our large towns and cities are dependent on our missionary churches for some of their best men."

14. *Dover—Belknap Church.* Matters in this church, holding an important place in the city of Dover, remain much the same as at last report. Average congregation, 150. Sabbath school, 180. Additions within the year, 4 by profession, 1 by letter. Whole number, 79.

15. *Dublin.*—Rev. A. J. Fosdick surrendered his commission as our missionary here in early spring. It is not known that this church has had much regular preaching since. It has become very small in numbers. Prospect of increasing strength by no means cheering. Great hostility to evangelical religion in the town. Constant and strenuous efforts made to induce families and individuals emigrating to the place to unite, socially and ecclesiastically, with opposers of our little Orthodox church.

16. *Effingham;* see *North Conway and vicinity.*

17. *Enfield.*—This church, under the faithful and acceptable labors of Mr. Hartshorne, appears to hold its own, which is not much in pecuniary strength or numbers; only 4 males and 20 females belonging to it. It continues to hold public worship in a hall; not yet able to build a church edifice, which it greatly desires and needs in order to growth of influence. Its position in a growing village, on the Northern Railroad, is important, and it should be sustained.

18. *Enfield, East.*—Mr. C. H. Rodney, from Princeton Seminary, was serving here at our last anniversary. Since he left, in September, no regular preaching has been had in the East,—agriculturally the most important part of the town. Effort was made, without success, to induce the people of that section to raise the means to support a student missionary during the summer. A few families were anxious to have such, but could not themselves meet the expense. Greatly to be regretted that a wealthy, prosperous community should be so indifferent to the public means of grace.

19. *Epping.*—Affairs with this church much the same as in several years past. Our missionary, Rev. J. H. Stearns, is unre-

mitting in his efforts on the Sabbath and through the week, to promote the spiritual welfare of his flock, laboring "in season and out of season." He writes: "The young man whose appointment in the graduating class of Dartmouth College is the first 'Philosophical Oration,' and who has recently indulged hope in Christ, went from this congregation and Sabbath school, and is still a member when at home. When I think of this, and that two of the young men of the three who were active in forming a Bible class recently, one is now in Boston, the other elsewhere; that one who a few years ago was a member of this Sabbath school, is now Superintendent of a Sabbath school, and a deacon of a new Congregational church in New-Jersey—I have a little comfort in the thought, we are doing some good in the world, though we remain weak at home."

20. *Gorham.*—The pastor reports: "We have encouraging evidence, from time to time, that the missionary work is prosperous. The church increases in numbers, and, we trust, also in religious strength. In the past two years it has had the addition of 4 male members who appear to be consistent living Christians, beside a band of 16 sisters, all of whom are worthy members. Whole membership, 40. The providence of God seems to be opening, from year to year, this as a field for cultivation, in the increase of population and enlargement of business operations of almost every variety, it being a great railroad station. The Congregational Society, at their own expense of $150, have recently placed in the tower of their church edifice a fine toned bell of 1100 lbs."

21. *Goshen.*—Mr. Samuel E. Webster, member of the Princeton Theological Seminary, May 1st, commenced a mission here of four months. The Secretary passed a Sabbath in June with this church, administering to them the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Was happy to find them much interested in their missionary, and he in them. Audiences large for the place, in which he was rejoiced to see an unusual number of young men. Considerable religious interest prevailed then and has continued. The condition of this church now is more hopeful than for several years past.

22. *Groton.*—Rev. A. W. Fiske, of Fisherville, performed missionary service here six months within the past year, labor-

ing very faithfully and acceptably to the people of the town generally. He made religious visits to nearly all its families. The church, now very feeble, has no preaching of its own order; indeed, there is little or none, of any denomination, in the town. Efforts have been made to unite the several evangelical churches in the support of a Methodist preacher for the current year, but thus far unsuccessfully. The prospects of the Congregational church in Groton are every way dark. Death and emigration are fast lessening its numbers. Those remaining have but small pecuniary means, and can do but very little to support preaching.

23. *Hebron.*—Rev. George Butterfield performed a mission here of one year, ending in May. At the close of his commission he left. Rev. John Clark, a resident of Rumney, it is understood, preaches at Hebron on the Sabbath, but passes but little other time in the place. Our church there is also greatly weakened by death and removals; only one or two male members are left. We see no other prospect before this church but extinction. Different denominations united in the support of Mr. Butterfield. They must continue to act together if they have preaching.

24. *Kensington.*—The church here continues unusually prosperous under the wise, earnest, prayerful labors of our missionary, Rev. E. D. Eldredge. Within the year 2 have been added by profession, 4 by letter, making whole number 53. Their contributions to benevolent objects commendable; to Home Missions, $20; to other objects, $60; in all, $80. A son of the pastor is in college, having the ministry in view.

25. *Kingston.*—No particular change in the condition of this church and society, during the year. A contributor of $50 annually, for some years past, to the support of the ministry, has left town, a loss seriously felt by the religious society. Average congregation, 120. Sabbath school, 88. Contributions to Christian objects, $91.55, of which $26 is for Home Missions.

26. *Langdon.*—Mr. C. P. Sprowle, from the Seminary at Andover, passed his summer vacation of 1869 with this church, much to their satisfaction. Mr. W. H. Cobb, of the Princeton Seminary, commenced a mission here, May 1st, for four months. He reports: "A good interest in religion is manifest. A cheer-

ing amount of lay effort, the lady element in our church being very active. Our prayer meetings are well sustained. The destitution in this vicinity is wholly voluntary when meetings are kept up; but the people seem unable to support them all the year, and they are constantly dwindling. Male members of the church but 5, two of whom are absent. Female members 19, of whom five have left town, leaving on the ground but 17, of both sexes. Average congregation, 80 to 100. In Sabbath school, 55."

27. *Lempster*—Rev. B. Howe, having completed three years of missionary service in this town, left June 1st. Since then it is not known that any regular preaching has been had by the church, which has become greatly reduced, both in numbers and strength. This church, formed in 1781, was self-sustaining till within a few years. Death and emigration have greatly reduced its numbers and pecuniary means. Same causes continuing, it must soon become extinct, without special divine interposition.

28. *Merrimack, South.*—Mr. C. M. Des Islets, of Princeton Seminary, is the present incumbent here, to remain till Sept. 1st. He writes: "We have precious evidence that God is in our midst. Sabbath evening prayer meetings are held in the outskirts of the parish, and are very well attended. We are praying, working and waiting for a revival of religion. Some are anxiously seeking Jesus, and have asked an interest in our prayers." "This is a difficult field. The obstacles in the way are many and various: indifference, infidelity of all shades, the fewness of God's children, Satan's power over men's minds." "It is truly a hard school for a young man. Still we sow the seed in weakness, praying that God will give the increase. We have some true, devoted followers here, who are truly the best of the community."

29. *Meredith Village.*—The pastor reports, "There is little of interest to report from this place." This church has had missionary aid from its formation in 1815—55 years; but it is approximating toward self-support, soliciting $25 less from year to year till it promises to ask no more assistance from our Missionary Society. It would be greatly to its own interest to assume, unaided from abroad, the entire support of it own religious institutions.

30. *Milton Mills.*—No Congregational church in this place. Remnant of a Baptist church have united, for several years past, with the Congregational element in sustaining Congregational preaching. How long this arrangement will last, or what will be its ultimate results, time must show. Our missionary seems to have aimed faithfully to do his work, but amid many difficulties and embarrassments, has not had the success for which he had hoped and prayed.

31. *Newmarket, South.*—This church has become very feeble; has but 12 members, of whom only three are males. Our missionary reports: "The statistics will show how feeble the church is. Among the causes may be mentioned the many removals of valuable and useful members, the interruption of its services (three years since the house of worship having been closed for a year and the congregation and Sabbath school dispersed for that time), and also the strong denominational competition it has been obliged to encounter. Still it has some strong, available friends outside of itself. Our Baptist brethren unite with us very cordially. The church occupies a very important position in a beautiful, busy and growing village. We have been measurably successful in securing funds for improving and enlarging our church edifice, between $900 and $1,000 having been pledged for this. With the spirit of closer union and warmer sympathy among ourselves, and of larger Christian liberality and enterprise, we hope for better days."

32. *Newington.*—Good news from this place. No church yet exists here. We have sustained missionaries here for some fifteen years at an expense of nearly $3,000; during all which time, till recently, truth, faithfully preached, seemed to have no saving effect on any soul. Our missionary now writes: "We are having interesting meetings; perhaps it may be called a revival. Quite a number of young females, from twelve to sixteen years of age, are indulging hope. One married lady, the wife of one of our leading men, has experienced a change of heart. Those who were once connected with the Methodist church are revived. We are hoping still others will come up to the help of the Lord. Possibly a church may be organized, or the old one resuscitated, of which two female members yet remain. We are waiting to see what the Lord has in store for

us, and to know what he would have us do." Members of the Young Men's Christian Association, Portsmouth, have rendered valuable assistance in the religious meetings at Newington.

33. *Ossipee Center.*—Death, emigration, and the formation of a new religious society in the neighborhood, have very much reduced this church and society in numbers and means. Average congregation on the Sabbath, 56. Male members of the church, 15; female, 32; total, 47. Sabbath school, 47. Death of former benevolent members of the church has greatly reduced its charitable contributions. But the church is greatly useful still, and must be sustained.

34. *Plainfield.*—For several years past this church has had the services of students of various theological seminaries, during their vacations, and to some extent in other portions of the year by teachers in Meriden Academy. The present incumbent is Mr. J. W. Boal, of Princeton Seminary, who entered, May 1, on a mission of four months. He says, "I can not specify any particular interest, except in one case, among this little flock, though the general interest is good."

35. *Roxbury.*—Our missionary here, laboring quietly in faith and patience, is encouraged in his self-denying work. He states, as heretofore reported: "We have two young men in the course of study for the ministry. Several here whom we hope are Christians, who have not yet united with the church; some of them, I believe, have been strengthened during the year, and perhaps will join us in July or September. This church is very feeble; but 5 males and 12 females. Whole amount of taxable property in the society but $35,000.

36. *Seabrook, South.*—Mr. William A. Rand remains our missionary in this place. He has been laboring for years to secure the erection of a church edifice, for which he has spent considerable time in soliciting funds within New-Hampshire and Massachusetts. The building is up, inclosed and painted outside, but yet unfinished within. The basement is so far completed as to be used for public worship. The field is a very hard one every way. Our missionary deserves our sympathies and gratitude for his untiring efforts to build up a church and establish the institutions of the gospel there.

37. *Stoddard.*—Rev. Mr. Savage closed his labors here with

the close of 1869. It is understood a Mr. Clark, from New-Jersey, has preached here more or less since. Whether the church has regular preaching at this time, is not known to the trustees. This is one of our severest missionary fields. Whoever undertakes its cultivation needs much of the self-denying spirit, love to God and to souls, of the Master.

38. *Wakefield.*—Rev. Mr. Tappan still labors here, though not under our commission, which terminated in December last. He would not consent to its renewal, because he felt the church as a whole did not come up to our rules in taxing themselves for the support of their own religious privileges. He says he can not conscientiously take funds from feebler churches than his own to support him; so he takes what they are disposed to give, a pittance of $300 or $400,—a striking instance of conscientiousness in connection with great self-denial for the cause of Christ. For some four or five years he was one of our most earnest, laborious missionaries, not only instant in season, but out of season, spreading himself over the large town, visiting from house to house, and preaching lectures often in the week in its numerous school-houses, devising constantly methods of usefulness. He will have his reward.

39. *Washington.*—This church had been without stated preaching for a year or more until May, 1869, when Rev. William Claggett commenced preaching to it, under commission from our Missionary Society. He thinks there has been progress in the religious interest of the place, though the church remains very feeble, having only 2 male members and 17 female. Congregation averages about 75. Sabbath school, 50. Great disregard of God and of his institutions, prevails throughout the town.

40. *Wilmot.*—Condition of things in this church much as in former years. Relations between missionary and church and people have been harmonious and pleasant. Some $200 have been expended in repairs of parsonage. Health of missionary better than in past years, so that he can address himself more earnestly to his appointed work. Male members, 19; female, 29; total, 48. Contributions to benevolent objects, $55.35.

41. *Wolfeborough, North.*—We have a devoted missionary in this place from the Theological Seminary, Princeton, for four

months from May 1. He reports: "Religion is in a very low state. Some professing Christians are tinctured with Universalism. Little interest in it is felt by the people generally. One lady gives evidence of having found Christ. She is too feeble to attend preaching. Prayer-meetings are better attended, I am told, than ever before; but the attendance is mostly by non-professors. The field is rather a discouraging one. Universalism and Second-Adventism are most popular here. The simple preaching of the gospel is not desired, except by a very few. I hope, however, there may be an outpouring of the Spirit before the summer closes."

42. *West Stewartstown.*—Mr. Charles W. Drake, from the New-Haven Theological Seminary, is our laborer here at present. Mr. N. T. Cobleigh, of the Union Seminary, N. Y., labored here under commission two months, from Dec. 1, 1869, with acceptance and usefulness. Mr. Drake writes: "If there is a good missionary field in New-Hampshire, it is surely here. There is a large, growing community which needs, and will do much to sustain, the gospel. There is a large farming neighborhood in Vermont, which attends, if any where, our church; beside we have quite a neighborhood in Canada, of which this is the place of business, and from which we have some of our best membership. Our trouble is, so many isms to root out and keep down. There should be constant and regular service." The congregation averages 125. Membership of the church, 4 males and 26 females. Added by profession within the year, 6; by letter, 1. Number in Sabbath school, 42.

SHORT MISSIONS.

The trustees in the past, as in former years, have employed members of several theological seminaries, during their vacations, in labor among destitute, feeble churches; the only practicable method by which many such churches can have preaching any portion of the year. Great good is thus effected. These young men, earnest, ardent, hopeful, energetic, generally eminently devoted to their Master's work, perhaps, without exception, are very acceptable to the churches and public where they serve. They spare not themselves, are instant in season and out of season; hold generally three services on the Sabbath; encourage

Sabbath schools, attend weekly or semi-weekly prayer-meetings, in different parts of parishes or towns; visit from house to house, for religious conversation and prayer. The results of these varied labors are benign. Christians are quickened in the divine life; churches kept alive and strengthened; neglectors of the sanctuary brought into it; children induced to attend the Sabbath school; the sick visited; the afflicted comforted; the ungodly frequently led to Christ as their Saviour. The reports of the labors of these young men to the Secretary, generally are full of interest. From the Theological Seminary, Princeton, during their vacation of four months, from May 1st to September, the trustees have commissioned Mr. John S. Glendenning to Conway; Mr. J. R. Russell to North Wolfeborough; Mr. J. H. Miller to Alton; Mr. C. M. Des Islets to South Merrimack; Mr. W. H. Cobb to Langdon; Mr. Samuel E. Webster to Goshen; Mr. J. W. Boal to Plainfield. From the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., Mr. N. T. Cobleigh, for two months, December and January, to West Stewartstown; to the same place, Mr. Charles W. Drake, for four months, from May 1, from the Seminary, New-Haven. From the Seminary, Andover, Mr. M. L. Gordon to Alton, for the month of April.

It will be noticed that most of the above named student missionaries are from Princeton Seminary; but one from Andover. The reason is, that Princeton has a vacation of four months during the best part of the year for missionary labor. Andover has its spring vacation in March and April, of only one month, when traveling in our State is bad, and congregations are small; its fall vacation of two months, when most of our destitute churches that can be occupied are supplied. Numerous applications from Students of the Andover Seminary for employment are received, but for the reasons named, they can not be granted.

EXTINCT OR SUBSTANTIALLY EXTINCT CHURCHES ONCE AIDED BY THE N. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

		First year of aid.			First year of aid.
1.	Alexandria,	1812	5.	Bridgewater,	1812
2.	Amoskeag,	1826	6.	Dorchester,	1812
3.	Bethlehem,	1802	7.	East-Kingston,	1820
4.	Bradford,	1821	8.	Franconia,	1803

		First year of aid.
9.	Great Falls, 2d ch.,	1856
10.	Haverhill, North,	1815
11.	Hill,	1812
12.	Lyman, East,	1802
13.	Lyman, West,	1802
14.	Manchester, Presby.	1826
15.	Marlow,	1822
16.	Moultonborough,	1829
17.	New-Hampton,	1822
18.	Newington,	1827
19.	Nottingham,	1836
20.	Orange,	1812
21.	Percey, now Stark,	1802
22.	Pittsburg,	1803
23.	Sandown,	1821
24.	Sharon,	1823
25.	Shelburne,	1802
26.	Surry,	1837
27.	Thornton,	1819
28.	Tuftonborough,	1812
29.	Unity,	1813
30.	Wendell,	1813
31.	Whitefield,	1812

CHURCHES ONCE AIDED BY THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NOW SELF-SUSTAINING.

		When first aided.
1.	Atkinson,	1825
2.	Auburn,	1841
3.	Barrington,	1814
4.	Bath,	1802
5.	Bennington,	1842
6.	Bristol,	1820
7.	Colebrook,	1802
8.	Dunstable, now Nashua, 1st Church,	1826
9.	Durham,	1817
10.	Epsom,	1828
11.	Farmington,	1812
12.	Franklin,	1826
13.	Gilmanton,	1826
14.	" Iron. Works,	1830
15.	Gilsum,	1820
16.	Great Falls,	1817
17.	Harrisville,	1857
18.	Hindsdale,	1822
19.	Hooksett,	1833
20.	Lancaster,	1830
21.	Laconia,	1811
22.	Litchfield,	1833
23.	Littleton,	1812
24.	Loudon,	1811
25.	Loudon Village,	1833
26.	Marlborough,	1830
27.	Mason,	1849
28.	Merrimack,	1831
29.	Milton,	1812
30.	Newcastle,	1824
31.	Newmarket,	1826
32.	Piermont,	1812
33.	Raymond,	1817
34.	Rochester,	1818
35.	Rye,	1829
36.	Salem,	1836
37.	Sanbornton Bridge,	1820
38.	Seabrook and Hampton Falls,	1833
39.	Stratham,	1818
40.	Swanzey,	1825
41.	Troy,	1824
42.	Walpole,	1834
43.	Warner,	1826
44.	Wilton,	1825
45.	Wolfeborough,	1812

Analysis of the foregoing tables is instructive. It appears that thirty-one churches, once aided, some of them during a period of sixty years, have become extinct, or virtually so. Some of them, indeed, have two, three, or more members surviving; but so reduced as to have no preaching, or the administration of the ordinances of the gospel. It appears, also, that forty-five churches, once assisted by the funds of our Missionary Society, are now self-sustaining,—several of them among the strongest in the State. The tables show, also, that nearly all the extinct churches had their location not only in rural districts, but most of them in towns having comparatively small property. Churches that have become self-sustaining are situated either in our cities, manufacturing or more wealthy farming towns. Those in cities and manufacturing villages have been formed, in numerous instances, in part, by emigrants from extinct churches, or those bordering on extinction. Subsequent accessions to city or village churches have, to a considerable extent, also come from our defunct or feeble country churches; so that, while churches in certain rural localities have ceased to exist in those localities, they virtually continue to exist in more important positions.

EXTINCT CHURCHES.

A feeling of sadness naturally comes over the friend of Christ and his race at the death of a once true church of Christ. While such a church existed and maintained the public worship of God, it was a light to the surrounding community. The open door of its sanctuary, the solemn sound of its bell, calling people to the worship of Almighty God; the voice of public praise and prayer; the reading and instructions of his word, all tended to call their thoughts to God, to their relations to him as their moral Governor and final Judge, to the realities of an eternal state of rewards and punishments. The influence and results were most benign on intellect, heart and character; social intercourse, good order, morals, salvation of souls. Children and youth trained in the Sabbath school—many there converted—were prepared, on leaving home and going to new places of abode, to exert influence promotive of the cause of Christ, and the highest good, temporal and eternal, of their fellow-men; to be the nuclei of Christian churches elsewhere. Members

of these now extinct churches, excellent men and women, "having served their generation by the will of God, fell on sleep" in Christ, and are now with him beholding his glory. Let us then dismiss our sadness, and be grateful to God that those now extinct churches once existed; and let us feel that the funds expended in their support, while they lived, were wisely used.

CHURCHES ONCE AIDED NOW SELF-SUSTAINING.

If we have cause for regret that any church, once the beneficiary of our Missionary Society, cherished and sympathized with, prayed for, a light in the midst of darkness, a living epistle of Christ, should die out, we have at the same time occasion for devout gratitude to God, for encouragement to persevere in our home missionary work, inasmuch as nearly fifty of our once feeble churches have reached the point of not only self-support, but in many instances are contributing liberally to the support of sister churches, still feeble, and to all the great benevolent objects of the age. What reward this for all the outlay of sympathy, prayer, labor, funds of our ministers and churches acting through our Missionary Society for three-score and ten years Would we, in some measure, duly appreciate the good done, we have only to endeavor to conceive the evils of the absence of all this good. Let us suppose the absence of the godly ministers who have labored with those forty-five now self-supporting churches for the past seventy years; the decay and probable extinction of many of these churches; what loss of influence for good to all the interests of the communities in which they are located; to education, personal and social refinement, purity, temperance, good morals, patriotism, religion, the salvation of souls! The extent and results of this influence, the revelations of eternity alone can show. Let us, therefore, thank God and take courage to more earnest labors, more hopeful results of the great Home Missionary enterprise.

EMIGRATION AN AID TO THIS ENTERPRISE.

If emigration from our small, rural churches, to our cities and manufacturing towns, is often gain, not *loss* to the cause of Christ, much more so is it to the rapidly populating States of the West. No finite mind can estimate the vastness of the

interests to man, temporal and eternal, now concentrating in that part of our mighty national domain. Great States are rapidly organizing; the fertility of the soil, the precious metals to unlimited extent; boundless mines of coal and iron, copper and lead; facilities for intercommunication by water and rail, and for rapid accumulation of wealth, are stimulating to constant emigration, not only from New-England, from all the eastern States, but from all parts of the world. Young cities of large population, unsurpassed for energy in all departments of human action, have magic rise and growth in all those new States and territories. Society is fast being cast in a mold of character which it will retain for generations. From the discordant and heterogenious materials there, great is the danger that the mold will be any thing but propitious to the highest welfare of those rapidly-increasing populations. How important, then, that there be infused into those aggregates of men, the elements of truth, honesty, justice, observance of the Sabbath, good morals, the fear of God, the institutions of our holy religion. These elements, emigrants from our churches — often causing their depletion — bear with them to our great western country, which crystalize there in the formation of new churches of our Puritan faith and order. These churches, at first small, weak, dependent for a season on foreign aid in support of the institutions of the gospel, reach, in time, the point of self-support; furnish members and means for the creation of other churches of like character, which also, in their turn, become self-sustaining; thus goes on a constant process of church organization, gradually reaching self-support, strength, influence for good to communities and States in all their interests, civil, political, social, educational, moral, religious. Not opinion, not theory merely, this. It is history, present reality. Early in the present century, a little band of Christians of Puritan faith and polity, went from Connecticut to the mouth of the Muskingum river, then in the great "Northwestern Territory," now Marietta, Ohio. Few and feeble at first, they organized themselves into a Congregational church, receiving aid in support of gospel ordinances from sister churches they left behind. Gradually increasing in strength, in time they became self-sustaining, sent out emigrants to new settlements and towns rising in the vicinity, which became nuclei of

other churches, all resulting in the formation of an intelligent, order-loving, Sabbath-keeping, patriotic Christian community. Early settlers in the land, even before it became a territory, their representatives had important agency in forming the constitution of the present great State of Ohio. Lovers were they, not only of civil and religious liberty, but of learning, and early established schools, academies and colleges. Instance, the University of Ohio, located at Athens, in the vicinity of Marietta; later, Marietta College, in the city of that name, with its satellites of preparatory and high schools, and female seminaries. In connection with these institutions of religion and learning, have risen successive generations of intelligent, patriotic, largely benevolent Christian men and women; an honor to their race, a blessing to the world. Similar glorious results are matters of history, from the settlement of Granville, Ohio, by a small company of the friends of Christ emigrating to that then wilderness from the church in Granville, Mass., some three-score years since. Go there now; you will find numerous churches, academies, male and female, a college, an intelligent, refined, enterprising, prosperous, benevolent Christian people, shedding on all the region around an influence the most benign. The like is true of Oberlin, Ohio; thirty-five years ago un unbroken wilderness, to which a little colony of Christians, mostly from New-England, not a few of them from our own State, emigrated; at once with great effort and self-denial, founded institutions of religion and learning; now a beautiful, well-regulated, enterprising, religious city, in which no saloon or drinking establishment has ever had existence, but where churches and institutions of learning adorn the city, the latter rightly bearing the name of University, in which from year to year more than one thousand young men and women are in process of education, conducted under the control of Christian principle and practice. A like illustration of the smiles of heaven on pious emigration from our churches to the West, and, if possible, of greater interest to the patrons and friends of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, is Beloit, Wisconsin. Some thirty years ago there went out from the church in Colebrook, Coös Co., this State, then one of our mission churches, a little band of emigrants to an unsettled prairie region, to which they gave the name Beloit.

What the result? Go there. See two self-sustaining, flourishing Congregational, and other evangelical churches, a female college, a college proper for the education of young men, in which two of our present New-Hampshire pastors received their collegiate education.

LARGE INFLUENCE IN THE WEST OF EMIGRATION FROM OUR NEW-ENGLAND CHURCHES.

The above named instances of the results of emigration from our eastern churches to western States and territories, are but isolated cases. They give but imperfect view of the extent of good done, under God, by such emigration. Would we have any thing like adequate knowledge of the good thus resulting, we must extend our mental vision from the Alleghanies over the great valley of the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains; thence to the Pacific ocean; and from the northern lakes to the southern line of Missouri and Kansas. In all this vast domain, a half century since, were very few Christian churches of any name. Sixty years ago, not a dozen Congregational churches existed in the whole of it. Now, more than twelve hundred and fifty churches of our order, are spread over that vast area, the greater part of which were composed, originally, of emigrants from New-England, or their descendants; nearly all of which, too, were dependent for longer or shorter time, on the American Home Missionary Society for aid in supporting the ministry. To illustrate: that Society has thus aided, in all, three hundred and fifty churches in Illinois, Congregational and Presbyterian, at an expense of $450,000. Of these three hundred and fifty churches, two hundred and thirty are Congregational, all but twenty-one of which were either organized by agents of that Society, or received aid in support of their ministry from its funds. In much the same proportion have the churches of our order in all the great States of the West, been formed by emigrants from our eastern churches, or their children, and fostered, in their earlier stages of existence, by our national Home Missionary Society.

RESULTS.

The results of the influence of these more than twelve hundred and fifty Congregational churches in the western States

and territories, most of which had their origin in emigration from New-England, are great, multifarious, glorious. Let any intelligent, observing tourist survey the vast extent of territory in question — let him examine the constitutions of the governments of these empire States, notice the provision for universal education, by the setting apart numerous sections of land for that purpose; let him look at the academies, colleges, universities, medical and legal institutions, the theological seminaries, that adorn these States, now exerting and destined for ages to come to exert healthful influence on their civil, educational, social and religious interests, he will find all these forces and agencies for good, had their origin, principally, in philanthropic Christian emigrants from the East, mostly from New-England.

The truth of these statements finds impressive illustration in the *Chicago Theological Seminary*, established, endowed and directed by the Triennial convention of Congregational ministers of the West, mostly emigrants, or the children of emigrants, from our New-England churches. That Seminary, possessing convenient, noble buildings, a good library, able, learned, energetic professors from New-England, two of them from New-Hampshire, are training successive classes of educated, devoted young men to preach the gospel in all parts of our great western country.

LARGE OPPORTUNITIES AND MEANS OF USEFULNESS THERE.

These generally, greater there than in the East. Here land, much of it poor and severe of cultivation, is mostly taken up. Our cities and manufacturing towns are overrun with young men, seeking clerkships, or other positions, in which remuneration is small, their energies cramped, and in which, do the best they can, they acquire limited property, and however well disposed, have means to do but little for the cause of Christ and the great interests of humanity. Not so at the West. Every well-informed, industrious, energetic, determined young man there, finds scope for all his physical powers, skill and ambition, whether in the line of trade, commerce, manufactures, or in cultivation of the interminable fertile acres of public land, to be acquired under the homestead law, by simply settling upon them. With ordinary prosperity, he finds himself in a few

years, independent; in a few more, wealthy; possessed of means of usefulness he never could have acquired, had he continued to labor on the severe, reluctant soil of his eastern nativity. If he is a good man, if he loves God and his race, he has large opportunities to use his ample means for the glory of God and the highest good of his fellow-beings. Church edifices are to be erected; all around him, feeble churches will be calling for aid in support of the gospel; young men will need assistance in preparation for the ministry; colleges and theological seminaries are to be endowed. Intelligently looking at the variety and greatness of the work to be done, in the growing, restless community of which he is, and expects to remain, a part, with his family and posterity, he is prompted, liberally, to use his means for the promotion of objects so connected with the honor of Christ and the good of man for this and the coming world. Thus living and using his property, he becomes more and more of a man; his influence for good is constantly enlarged; his very name is a sweet savor; living or dying, he is a benefactor of his race. Illustrations of this are seen in thousands of instances of young men emigrating from our New-England churches to the vast expanse of country beyond the Alleghanies. Shall emigration, then, from our feeble churches, though it make them more feeble, make us sad? Let them go, and may God go with them, and make them blessings to the country and the world, greater than we could hope they would be, remaining with us; and let us pray and labor that the places vacated in the churches by their departure, may be filled by others, subjects of the renewing grace of God, to follow, in due time, their predecessors, and like them, do much for the upbuilding of the kingdom of the redeemer in our western world.

CONVENTION IN CHICAGO OF THE SECRETARIES AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND ITS AUXILIARIES.

The progress, extent and results of the home missionary work, especially in the western and north-western States and territories, were impressively shown in a Convention of Secretaries and Superintendents of the American Home Missionary Society and its auxiliaries, held in Chicago in April last, in the same week of the meeting of the Triennial Convention of Congre-

gational ministers and churches of the West, and of the great *Jubilee Memorial Convention* of Sons of the Pilgrims assembled in that city on the two hundred and fiftieth year after their landing on Plymouth Rock. The Convention of missionary Secretaries and Superintendents, which your Secretary had the privilege of attending, was of deep and thrilling interest. The body was composed of members from Maine to California, twenty or more in all; a company of strong, experienced, devoted men, who take large views of the home missionary work; its various bearings on the highest interests of the nation; its indispensableness to the perpetuity of our republican government, and the invaluable institutions to which it has given rise. Fourteen of the members of the Convention, Superintendents under the American Home Missionary Society, of the cause in New-York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska and San Francisco, by request of the committee who called the Convention, came prepared, with carefully written documents, on as many different topics, connected with Home Missions, suggested by the committee of invitation. The reading of these various articles and the free discussion following, occupied a whole day and good part of a night, and would have been prolonged but for desire of the members to attend sessions of the Triennial and Jubilee Conventions, simultaneously held in the city. The written essays and discussions that followed, gave all present clearer and more impressive views of the vast extent of the Home Missionary work to be done for our country; its arduousness; the difficulties attending it; its past success; present aspect; necessity of immeasurably enlarged operations; motives impelling to constant prayer and unremitting effort in the divinely appointed enterprise. The fact of this convention in the great city of the West, the very site of which was missionary ground some thirty years ago; the character of the men composing it, their reports of the progress and results of the Home Missionary work in the great States and territories committed to their supervision, viewed in contrast with the non-existence of all missionary action less than fifty years since throughout most of that vastly-extended territory, represented in the Convention, constrained to the exclamation, "Behold, what hath God wrought!"

The Convention, its character, its objects, its devotional spirit, its high resolution to persevere in efforts for our country's evangelization, were deeply impressive, inspiring the hope that the institutions of the gospel of Christ would yet be established and perpetuated through the length and breadth of our great country, and our land become Immanuel's land, a mountain of holiness, a dwelling-place of righteousness.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The field embraced by the operations of this national society, extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the northern lakes to the Rio Grande. In its employ, the last year, were 944 missionaries, who labored in 29 different states and territories, supplying 1836 congregations and missionary districts, performing 693 years of missionary labor. Among the results were 75,750 Sabbath-school scholars, 3470 hopeful conversions, 6,404 additions to the churches, more than half of whom on the profession of their faith, the organization of 76 churches, the raising to self-support of 52, the completion of 43 houses of worship, the repairing of 113, the building of 23 others commenced, 84 young men in connection with the mission churches preparing for the ministry. Receipts of the Society during the year, $283,102.87, added to the balance in the treasury at the close of the preceding year, $8,832.91, making the resources of the Society for the year, $291,935.73. Total receipts for the forty-three years of the Society's existence, $5,738,316.51. Total of years of labor performed, 27,133. Whole number of additions to the churches, 211,669.

JUBILEE YEAR.

This is the fifth jubilee year of the landing of our Pilgrim Fathers on the American continent. How unlike their condition, two hundred and fifty years ago, to that of us their descendants in the year of our Lord 1870! They, then, a little band of less than one hundred, including fathers, mothers and children, poor, shelterless, exposed to the stormy blasts of midwinter — unknown except to their God. We, their posterity, now numbering millions, plenteous in houses, goods, all the comforts of a high civilization, the blessings of a free, well-established republican government, of institutions of religion and

learning, open to all, constituting the principal element in education, wealth and influence of a great nation; the wonder and admiration of the world! Let it never be forgotton, that whatever is praiseworthy in our great republic, our civil, political, educational, humane, religious status, we owe, in great measure, under God, to the character, the deeds, the forecast of those wonderful men and women, well named "THE PILGRIMS." The extent of our indebtedness to them, who can measure? Impossible to do this; we may yet cherish emotions of gratitude toward them. How may we in some proper measure, express our gratitude? By maintaining, strengthening, extending, perpetuating, the invaluable institutions which they crossed the ocean to establish; and of which they laid the foundations in hope, faith, hardship and sufferings, of which we their posterity in this two hundred and fiftieth year since their landing on Plymouth Rock, can but faintly conceive. Let the patrons and friends of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, let all the ministers and members of our churches and congregations, let all the children and youth in our Sabbath-schools, sanction the resolve of the *Jubilee Memorial Convention* in Chicago in April last, by doing their part to raise the three million-dollar fund toward giving enlargement and increased power and usefulness to the institutions, educational, benevolent, religious, which, with so much hardship and suffering, they founded.

For the Trustees,

WM. CLARK, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 15, 1870.

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, *in account with* BENJAMIN P. STONE, *Treasurer.*

		DR.
To paid feeble churches and missionaries,		$5,214.40
American Home Missionary Society, donations of churches and individuals,		686.87
American Home Missionary Society legacy,		200.00
Rev. Wm. Clark, salary,	$1,000.00	
His bill for traveling expenses, postage stamps, expressage and stationery,	254.83	
		1,254.83
Salary of the Treasurer,	150.00	
His bill for postage, expressage, stationery and stamps,	40.77	
		190.77
J. H. Pearson & Co., for printing annual reports,		101.76
McFarland & Jenks, for printing Cent Reports and blanks,		101.30
Counterfeit bill and scrip,		20.25
Salary of the Treasurer of the Cent Institution,		80.00
Western missionary, donor unknown,		20.00
Feeble church in New-Hampshire, donor unknown,		5.00
Balance carried to new account,		3,379.42
		$11,151.60

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By balance from last year's account,	$2,589.16
Donations from churches and individuals,	2,581.93
Donations from the Cent Institution (including $259.56 income of the Memorial fund),	2,466.78
Legacies,	2,403.33
Donation for the American Home Missionary Society,	633.87
Legacy for the American Home Missionary Society,	200.00
Income of the Permanent Fund,	179.01
Interest on B. W. Sanborn's note,	55.52
Unknown donation for Western Missionary,	20.00
Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark,	17.00
Unknown donation for a feeble church,	5.00
	$11,151.60

This certifies that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of B. P. Stone, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and believe the same to be correct, leaving a balance in his hands of three thousand three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and forty-two cents.

Concord, Aug. 17, 1870. S. G. LANE, *Auditor.*

The whole amount received from all sources is $8,562.44; of which $833.87, viz., $633.87 in donations and $200 in legacies, were for the American Home Missionary Society, leaving $7,728.57 for the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. Of this sum, $2,466.78 was from the Cent Institution; $2,403.33 legacies; $179.01 income of the Permanent Fund $25; donated by an unknown friend for a Western missionary and a feeble church in New-Hampshire, and $17 the avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark, leaving $2,581.93 contributed by churches and individuals.

There has been sent directly to the American Home Missionary Society, $370.99 in donations and $665.49 in legacies, making the whole sum raised in the State for the cause of Home Missions, $9,598.92. The disbursements during the year are $7,772.18, of which $833.87 has been paid to the American Home Missionary Society, and $6,938.31 expended in New-Hampshire.

Compared with last year, the total receipts are $713.08 more, and the whole amount raised in the State for the cause is $11,936.02 less. The Memorial Fund has increased $870 during the year, and now amounts to $4,280. The receipts from the Cent Institution are $135.50 less.

RECEIPTS.

Acworth—Congregational Church and Society, in full to constitute Melinda W. Slader, of DeSoto, Nebraska, life member, $10.75; Ladies' Charitable Society, $19.25,	$30.00
Alstead—B. H. Fisher,	2.00
Amherst—Congregational Church and Society,	55.25
Andover—Congregational Church and Society,	22.61
Antrim—Presbyterian Church and Society to constitute Rev. G. W. Cochran a life member,	31.00
Atkinson—Mrs. P. G. Page,	2.00
Bath—Congregational Church and Society, $24.15; Rev. Asa Mann, in part to constitute Jonas Minot a life member, $25,	49.15
Bedford—Presbyterian Church and Society, to constitute Rev. I. Tyson, Dea. G. Nevins and Dea. S. C. Damon life members,	70.35
Bennington—Congregational Church and Society, $16.52; do. for the A. H. M. S., $18.21,	34.37
Boscawen—Mrs. Asenath French, by her late son Willie French, life member of A. H. M. Society,	30.00
Canaan—Congregational Church and Society,	23.00
Center-Harbor—Congregational Church and Society,	20.50
Chester—Congregational Church and Society, $25; John W. Noyes, to constitute his son, John Ware Noyes, life member, $30,	55.00
Chichester—Congregational Church and Society,	6.00
Campton—Congregational Church and Society,	13.00
Colebrook—Congregational Church and Society,	14.00
Concord—First Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Charles Robinson and Mrs. John A. West life members of the A. H. M. S., $85.58 ($10 of which left by the late Mrs. Joshua Abbott); do. $41.79,	127.37
Concord, East—Congregational Church and Society,	2.00
Concord, South—Congregational Church and Society,	89.20
Concord, West—Congregational Church and Society,	15.25
Croydon—Mrs. Mary Cooper, avails of gold beads,	4.80
Danbury—Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
Deerfield—Congregational Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S.,	25.00
Derry—First Church and Society, to constitute Sewell Floyd life member of A. H. M. Society,	50.00
Dublin—Congregational Church and Society,	6.00
Dunbarton—Congregational Church and Society,	8.50
Durham—Congregational Church and Society,	65.00
Epping—Congregational Church and Society,	37.71

Farmington—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Francestown—Congregational Church and Society, $123.32; Joseph Kingsbury, for A. H. M. Society, $40,	163.32
Fisherville—Rev. A. W. Fisk,	6.00
Gilmanton—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Goffstown—Congregational Church and Society,	14.67
Gorham—Congregational Church and Society,	7.50
Greenland—Congregational Church and Society,	27.50
Hampton—Congregational Church and Society,	17.46
Hanover—Dartmouth College,	40.00
Haverhill—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Arthur Merrill life member,	41.00
Hebron—Rev. George Butterfield,	20.00
Henniker—Congregational Church and Society $30; do. for the A. H. M. Society, $100,	130.00
Hancock—Congregational Church and Society,	7.53
Hinsdale—Congregational Church and Society,	23.85
Hopkinton—Congregational Church and Society,	23.10
Hollis—Congregational Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S.,	95.72
Hudson—Mrs. Rebecca Chase,	10.00
Keene—2d Congregational Church, monthly concert,	24.21
Kensington—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Kingston—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Lancaster—1st Congregational Church and Society,	20.60
Lempster—1st Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Londonderry—Mrs. Josiah Sleeper,	2.00
Lyme—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute John L. Goodell and Elijah Snow life members,	60.00
Manchester—Franklin Street Church and Society, $105.54; C. B. Southworth, for the A. H. M. S., $20,	125.54
Mason—1st Congregational Church and Society,	3.50
Meredith Village—Congregational Church and Society, in full to constitute Mrs. Emily Wadleigh life member, $15; Mrs. J. W. Lang, a Christmas present, $50; Mrs. Sarah Norris, .50,	65.50
Merrimack—Congregational Church and Society $57; Reuben S. Pratt, $2,	59.00
Milford—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Joseph Crosby, Rodolphus D. Barrett, E. S. Burns and Elbridge K. Jewett life members,	121.65
Milton—Congregational Church and Society,	12.50
Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha H. Dodge,	2.00
Nashua—First Congregational Church and Society,	162.48
" Olive Street Church and Society,	46.15
" Pearl Street Congregational Church and Society,	84.29
Nelson—Congregational Church and Society.	7.00
Newington—Congregational Church and Society,	10.06
Newport—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute James Karr and Rev. G. R. M. Scott life members,	56.02
New-Boston—Presbyterian Church and Society $30; do. for A. H. M. Society, $15.35,	45.35
North-Hampton—To constitute Morris H. Smith life member,	33.10
Ossipee Corner—	14.00
Pelham—Congregational Church and Society $20; do. for the A. H. M. Society, $28; Mrs. H. C. Wyman for the A. H. M. Society, $20,	68.00
Pembroke—Congregational Church and Society,	11.00

Peterborough—Congregational Church and Society, $10.20; a friend, $2,	22.20
Plainfield—Congregational Church and Society,	5.26
Portsmouth—Congregational Church and Society,	284.90
Raymond—Congregational Church and Society,	23.00
Rindge—Congregational Church and Society, $5.16; Ladies' Home Missionary Society, $29,	34.16
Rochester—Congregational Church and Society, to constitue Charles W. Brown life member,	34.00
Sanbornton—Congregational Church and Society,	26.00
Seabrook and Hampton-Falls—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. Society,	12.00
South Merrimack—A friend,	6.00
South-Newmarket—Congregational Church and Society,	14.00
Stratham—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Rev. G. W. Thompson life member,	35.00
Sullivan—Congregational Church and Society,	11.00
Tamworth—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Tilton—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute O. G. Morrison life member, $30.97; John Mooney, $40,	70.97
Troy—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. Society,	22.36
Wakefield—Congregational Church and Society, $20.60; Scribner Road Sabbath School, $13,	33.60
Walpole—Congregational Church and Society,	61.00
Warner—Congregational Church and Society, in full to constitute Gilman A. Bean life member, and in part to constitute Mrs. Ruth W. H. Sargent life member,	30.51
Washington—Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
Webster—Congregational Church and Society,	27.00
Wilmot—Congregational Church and Society,	20.95
Wilton—Congregational Church and Society,	11.30
Wolfeborough—Congregational Church and Society,	21.60

MISCELLANEOUS.

N. H. Female Cent Institution,	2,207.22
Income of the Memorial Fund,	259.56
Income of the Permanent Fund,	179.01
Interest on B. W. Sanborn's Note,	55.52
Unknown,	26.00
Sullivan County Conference,	10.15
Rockingham County Conference,	9.05
Rev. Wm. Clark, for supplying pulpits,	17.00
	$2,763.51

LEGACIES.

Hollis, Legacy of David Steel, for Western Missions,	200.00
Londonderry, balance of Legacy of David Brewster,	1,733.33
Nashua, Legacy of Dea. Alvah Kimball, $500, less tax, $30,	470.00
	$2,403.33

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

COUNTIES.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March.
Merrimack,.....	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May.
Rockingham,.....	August, September,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July.
Hillsborough, ...	October, November,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September.
Cheshire and Sullivan,.....	December, January,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November.
Grafton and Coos,.....	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January.

* Also, Congregational Board of Publication. † Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. ‡ Also, American Foreign and Christian Union.

TABLE

Showing the Places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51.63
1802—Concord,	386.62
1803—Concord,	309.46
1804—Concord,	406.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1,290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1,288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—Keene,	2,807.98
1816—Concord,	2,633.36
1817—Exeter	2,395.05
1818—Dover	2,427.10
1819—Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—New-Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—Acworth,	1,846.20
1824—Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—Durham,	1,872.07
1827—Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—Newport,	2,416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—Concord,	2,371.34
1832—Amherst,	5,820.75

1833—Keene,	5,067.66
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24
1835—Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836—Exeter,	4,942.02
1837—Claremont,	5,506.14
1838—New-Ipswich,	5,396.81
1839—Lyme,	4,616.37
1840—Hampton,	4,596.83
1841—Francestown,	5.187.03
1842—Dover,	5,361.11
1843—Nashua,	5,730.36
1844—Concord, South Church,	7,582.66
1845—Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846—Newport,	9,027.15
1847—Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	6,050.51
1848—Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849—Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850—Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851—Acworth,	9,948.47
1852—Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1853—Littleton,	10,461.21
1854—Derry,	8,417.53
1855—Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856—Exeter, First Church,	6,690.47
1857—Keene,	8,148.55
1858—Hampton,	6,732.26
1859—Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860—Claremont,	7,258.60
1861—Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1862—Concord, South Church,	7,182.49
1863—Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864—Manchester,	7,556.61
1865—Newport,	8,589.13
1866—Dover,	20,064.51
1867—Nashua,	12,068.17
1868—Concord, North Church,	11,810.04
1869—Keene,	22,932.54
1870—Milford,	9,598.92
Total amount raised in sixty-nine years,	$359,956.06

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the Secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

As revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source, and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the

*The answer to this question should include bank, railroad, United States and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of its ratable property, that is, $12.50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will coöperate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1¼ per cent on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent to one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required: namely,

1. What the number of ratable polls; also, families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members—male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1—by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms—infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year—by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath school?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. William Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New-York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Application may be made to the treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of the *Home Missionary* for New-Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR.

Adams, Mrs. Mary, Lancaster.
Barrett, Rodolphus D., Milford.
Bean, Gilman A., Warner.
Burns, E. S., Milford.
Burns, Mrs. Peter, Milford.
Chase, Mrs. Abel, Milford.
Chandler, Mrs. Louisa W., Fisherville.
Cochran, Rev. G. W., Antrim.
Crosby, Joseph, Milford.
Damon, Dea. S. C., Bedford.
Dutton, Mrs. Benjamin, Hillsborough Bridge.
Fairbanks, Miss Rebecca, Manchester.
French, Mrs. Dea., North-Hampton.
French, Mrs. Asenath, Boscawen.
Flag, Sewall, A. H. M. S., Derry.
Goodell, John L., Lyme.
Jenne, Mrs. Abby Baldwin, Bennington.
Jackson, Mrs. C. S., Tamworth.
Jewell, Elbridge H., Milford.
Karr, James, Newport.
Kelley, Mrs. Mary E., North Haverhill, Mass.
Kingsman, Mrs. Ephraim, West Lebanon.
LeBosquet, Mrs. Martha P., Danbury.
McQuesten, Miss Margaret V., A. H. M. Society, Manchester.
Merrill, Arthur, Haverhill.
Minot, Jonas, Bath.
Morrison, O. G., Tilton.
Nevins, Dea. G., Bedford.
Norton, Mrs. S. M., East Concord.
Noyes, John W. Jr., Chester.
Odlin, Mrs. E. T., Exeter.
Palmer, Charles, A. H. M. S., Acworth.
Rowland, Miss Sarah, Exeter.
Scott, Rev. G. R. W., Newport.
Scott, Mrs. Mary D., Newport.
Smith, M. H., North-Hampton.
Spalding, Rev. Geo. B., Dover.
Spalding, Mrs. Sarah L., Dover.
Slader, Melinda M., DeSoto, Nebraska.
Tyson, Rev. J., Bedford.
Wadleigh, Mrs. Emily, Meredith Village.
Warner, Charles W., Rochester.
Watson, Mrs. Charles C., Dover.
West, Mrs. John A., A. H. M. S., Concord.
White, Mrs. Sophia, Chester.
Whittle, Mrs. Wm. A., A. H. M. S., Manchester.

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OF THE

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OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT ROCHESTER, AUGUST 22-24, 1871.

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1872.

Annual meeting at Bristol, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1872.

Preacher of the Opening Sermon to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements. (See Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1.)

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; Substitute, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill.

Standing Committee of Nominations (Art. VII, Sec. 3), Rev. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton; Rev. Geo. E. Freeman, Milford.

Committee of Arrangements (Art. VII, Sec. 1), Rev. Silas Ketchum, Bristol; Rev. S. P. Leeds, Hanover; Bro. F. H. Bartlett, Bristol.

Subject of Essay: The Relation of the Churches to Moral Education in the State, and the most Effective Means by which they can promote it. *Essayist*, Rev. Royal Parkinson, Temple, Primary; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Substitute.

Questions for Discussion. 1. What is the best method of securing special religious interest in the churches? *To lead the discussion:* Revs. N. F. Carter, Orfordville, and V. J. Hartshorne, Enfield.

2. What are the duties of the stronger to the feebler churches? *To lead the discussion:* Bros. W. A. Rand, South Seabrook, and F. H. Bartlett, Bristol.

Conferences. Cheshire, 26 churches. Meets the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Marlborough, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $29.

Coös, 8 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $6.

GRAFTON, 22 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Dea. Isaac Willard, Orford, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $28.

HILLSBOROUGH, 33 churches—29 Cong., 4 Pres. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Edward Aiken, M. D., Amherst, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Geo. F. Merriam, Mason Village, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $65.

MERRIMACK, 25 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. B. Putnam, West Concord, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $37.

ROCKINGHAM, 33 churches—31 Cong., 2 Pres. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $40.

STRAFFORD, 31 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. C. C. Watson, Dover, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

SULLIVAN, 13 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $15.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY,

Rev. FRANKLIN D. AYER, *Concord.*

STATISTICAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER,

Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Warner.*

SECRETARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS,

Rev. GEORGE DUSTAN, *Peterborough.*

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church

in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. Meeting and Organization. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Secretary of Sabbath Schools, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the times and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools to present a brief annual report, embracing facts and statistics in regard to the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the State, with such recommendations as may be suggested thereby; this report to be open to a general discussion.

5. These secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

6. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a statistical scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statis-

tical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

7. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associates.

VII. COMMITTEES. 1. At each meeting of the Association a committee of arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a committee of inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate two questions of religious doctrine or practice for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate two persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each, to be followed by a general discussion; speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprise, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty tinutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing committee of nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceedings. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees, and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals, and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

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11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Report of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools, to be followed by discussion.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question now be put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of the other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal relation with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith, sending up their nominations for confirmation by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the Committee on Nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New-York, in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT ROCHESTER, AUGUST 22-24, 1871.

WITH THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1872.

Annual meeting at Bristol, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1872.

Preacher of the Opening Sermon to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements. (See Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1.)

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; Substitute, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill.

Standing Committee of Nominations (Art. VII, Sec. 3), Rev. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton; Rev. Geo. E. Freeman, Milford.

Committee of Arrangements (Art. VII, Sec. 1), Rev. Silas Ketchum, Bristol; Rev. S. P. Leeds, Hanover; Bro. F. H. Bartlett, Bristol.

Subject of Essay: The Relation of the Churches to Moral Education in the State, and the most Effective Means by which they can promote it. *Essayist*, Rev. Royal Parkinson, Temple, Primary; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Substitute.

Questions for Discussion. 1. What is the best method of securing special religious interest in the churches? *To lead the discussion:* Revs. N. F. Carter, Orfordville, and V. J. Hartshorne, Enfield.

2. What are the duties of the stronger to the feebler churches? *To lead the discussion:* Bros. W. A. Rand, South Seabrook, and F. H. Bartlett, Bristol.

Conferences. Cheshire, 26 churches. Meets the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Marlborough, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $29.

Coös, 8 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $6.

GRAFTON, 22 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Dea. Isaac Willard, Orford, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $28.

HILLSBOROUGH, 33 churches—29 Cong., 4 Pres. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Edward Aiken, M. D., Amherst, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Geo. F. Merriam, Mason Village, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $65.

MERRIMACK, 25 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. B. Putnam, West Concord, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $37.

ROCKINGHAM, 33 churches—31 Cong., 2 Pres. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $40.

STRAFFORD, 31 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. C. C. Watson, Dover, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

SULLIVAN, 13 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $15.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY,

Rev. FRANKLIN D. AYER, *Concord.*

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Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Warner.*

SECRETARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS,

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church

in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. Meeting and Organization. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Secretary of Sabbath Schools, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

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5. These secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

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tical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

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MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire held its Sixty-second Annual Meeting, in the Congregational Meeting-house at Rochester, N. H., on Tuesday, August 22, 1871, at 11 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. Downs, of Lebanon, N. H. Text, Rev. 3 : 21. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Subject—Conquering Energy.

After the sermon, the preacher called the meeting to order.

The following persons were enrolled as members of the Association:

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. John K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton; Rev. Giles Leach, Rye; Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. A. Burnham, Hooksett; Rev. S. L. Gerould, Goffstown.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. Royal Parkinson, Temple.

Hopkinton—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville; Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord; Rev. Silas Ketchum, Bristol.

Monadnock—Rev. Horace Wood, Gilsum.

Orange—Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill.

Piscataqua—Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping; Rev. Joseph Bartlett, South-Newmarket; Rev. James McLean, Hampton; Rev. Franklin Davis, Newington; Rev. A. B. Peabody, Stratham; Rev. Selah Merrill, Salmon Falls.

Sullivan—Rev. Charles A. Downs, Lebanon; Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport.

Suncook—Rev. N. S. Moore, Gilmanton Iron Works.

Union—Rev. E. B. Claggett, Nashua.

White River—

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Bro. Alonzo A. Ware.

Hillsborough—Bro. Henry W. Herrick.

Merrimack—Dea. A. McFarland, Bro. A. B. Closson.

Coös—

Grafton—Dea. Wm. G. Brown.

Rockingham—Bro. Phinehas Merrill, Bro. Lewis Perkins, Bro. David Lane, Bro. John L. Fitts, Bro. W. D. Hollis, Dea. Abram Drake, Bro. Geo. Herrick.

Strafford—Bro. W. S. Meserve, Bro. Frank McDuffee, Dea. E. J. Lane.

Sullivan—

Dartmouth College—

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord, Secretary.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Geo. Dustan, Peterborough, Secretary Sabbath Schools.

Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. Quincy Blakely, and Mr. Frank McDuffee, Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, Pittsfield; Rev. E. B. Claggett, Nashua; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Geo. E. Freeman, Milford; Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; Rev. George E. Street, Exeter; Rev. J. L. Black, Nashua, Essayist, &c.

Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Miss. Society.

Rev. Isaac Willey, Pembroke, Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

John Kimball, Treasurer N. H. Bible Society.

Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., Treasurer N. H. Miss. Society.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville, Secretary M. and W. Charitable Fund.

Rev. Jacob Chapman, Deerfield, Delegate to Congregational Union, Canada.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Albert Bowers, General Association of Missouri.

Mr. W. A. Mowry, Rhode-Island Congregational Conference.

Rev. D. C. Frink, General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Charles Seccombe, General Conference of Maine.

Rev. A. Deering, Yearly Meeting of F. W. Baptists.

Rev. C. A. Downs, Lebanon, was elected Moderator.

Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport, Scribe, and Rev. A. B. Peabody, Stratham, Assistant Scribe.

Mr. Frank McDuffee, of Rochester, was appointed a member of the Committee of Arrangements in place of D. S. Prescott, M. D., Laconia.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2 P. M. Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. K. Young, D. D.

The following resolution was referred to a Committee:

Whereas, the system of Ecclesiastical Correspondence maintained by this Association has lost much of its interest and practical value, through changing circumstances and the multiplication of the bodies embraced in it, and

Whereas, a National Council will probably soon be organized through which the more important objects of this correspondence may be effectively promoted. Therefore;

Resolved, 1. That without any abatement of Christian love or courtesy toward them, our correspondence with other Congregational Bodies and with the Presbyterian General Assembly, be discontinued.

Resolved, 2. That Rule 10 of our Constitution be amended by omitting all, except the first paragraphs of the first and fifth sections.

Revs. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill, J. K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton, and H. A. Hazen, Pittsfield, were appointed by the Moderator as the Committee.

Rev. H. S. Huntington read the narrative of the state of religion. It was voted to have the same printed.

A hymn was sung.

3½ P. M. Delegates to Corresponding Bodies reported:

Rev. J. H. Stearns, to General Conference of Maine, attended in person. Rev. H. A. Hazen, to General Association of Mass., wrote a letter. Rev. Jacob Chapman, to Congregational Union, Canada, attended in person.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Rev. Alvan Tobey, D. D., spoke in behalf of American Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Lewis Grout spoke in behalf of the American Missionary Association.

Rev. S. W. Hanks spoke in behalf of the Seamen's Society.

Rev. Isaac Willey spoke in behalf of the Bible Society.

Rev. Horace James spoke in behalf of the Foreign Evangelization Society.

Rev. John Wood spoke in behalf of the Tract Society.

Rev. J. K. Young spoke in behalf of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

Rev. W. Barrows spoke in behalf of the Congregational Publishing Society.

Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy spoke in behalf of the Congregational Association.

Adjourned until 7½ P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., the Rev. Geo. E. Freeman, Milford, read an Essay. Subject—Can Catechetical Instruction be employed more effectually to Indoctrinate the Young in the Principles of Christianity? If so, in what manner?

After singing, remarks were made by Rev. Lewis Grout, Mr. F. H. Bartlett, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Mr. W. A. Mowry, and Rev. Royal Parkinson.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday, 9 A. M. Meeting closed with benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock. Presided over by Rev. Charles Burnham.

At 9 o'clock business was resumed by the Association, the Moderator in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Horace James. Rev. F. D. Ayer was chosen permanent Secretary of

the Association; Rev. Geo. E. Freeman was elected a member of the Nominating Committee.

Rev. Geo. Dustan read the report of Rev. Wm. T. Savage, delegate from this Association to the Theological Seminary at Andover. The report was accepted.

A letter from the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Andover was read, inviting delegates from this Association to attend the Anniversary.

Voted, That the Committee of Nominations present, from year to year, names of delegates to attend the Anniversary at Andover.

Rev. W. S. Karr, Keene, Delegate, Rev. J. K. Young, Substitute, were chosen to attend in 1872.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the General Association of New-Hampshire recommends that the American and Foreign Christian Union be dropped from the list of the charitable objects of our churches.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this body, measures should be taken to continue the prosecution of this distinctive work, under more favorable auspices, and with increased energy.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take measures, in connection with such other committees as have been or may be appointed to act with them, to make arrangements for the direction of this work; and that, until such arrangements are completed the churches be recommended to entrust their contributions to the Provisional Committee for Foreign Evangelization.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this body, the arrangements for prosecuting this work should not multiply the number of organizations for collecting and disbursing the contributions of the churches.

Voted, That this Association heartily approves of the plan of securing a fitting place for our Congregational Library—for the convenience of all our benevolent societies having offices in Boston; for a denominational house, for a monument to the noble, self-sacrificing men who laid the foundations of our free religion and civil institutions; and, therefore, do most cordially commend this object to all our churches for one generous memorial gift before the close of the present year.

The Committee of Nomination reported as delegates to National Council: *Primaries*—Hon. J. W. Patterson, Rev. J. G. Davis, Hon. Wm. Haile. *Substitutes*—Rev. S. P. Leeds, Rev. C. W. Wallace, Hon. G. W. Nesmith.

A letter was read from Rev. G. M. Adams in which he asked that the time of the meeting of the Association be changed. Referred to the Committee of Arrangements to report next year.

The Committee of Arrangements reported:

Next Place of Meeting—Bristol.

Preacher before Communion, Primary—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; *Substitute*—Rev. E. H. Grecley, Haverhill.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Silas Ketchum, Rev. S. P. Leeds, Bro. F. H. Bartlett.

10½ o'clock. Addresses by delegates from foreign bodies:

Rev. Albert Bowers, from General Association of Missouri;
Rev. D. C. Frink, " " " " Maine;
Rev. Cha's Seccombe, " " Conference " Minnesota;
Rev. Benj. Conkling, " " Association " Michigan;
Rev. A. Deering, " Yearly Meeting of F. W. Baptists;
Rev. D. J. Smith, " Methodist Episcopal Conference.

Letters were received from:

Rev. Lyman Whiting, delegate from Gen'l Convention of Wis.;
Rev. G. H. Atkinson, " " Oregon Association;
Cha's N. Lyman, " " Gen'l Association of Iowa;
Rev. F. D. Kelsey, " " Ohio Conference.

Adjourned.

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2 P. M. A letter from President Smith, of Dartmouth College, was read, in which reference was made to the religious condition of Dartmouth College, with suggestions concerning the Fast-day for colleges.

Voted, That the General Association of New-Hampshire recommend to the pastors and churches belonging to it, to continue the observance of the last Thursday in February as a day of prayer for colleges and other institutions of learning.

A communication was received from Rev. J. B. Miles, Secretary of the American Peace Society.

Voted, That the Association heartily approves of the present purposes of the American Peace Society, and bespeak for it the cordial coöperation of the churches of New-Hampshire in all wise and scriptural efforts to hasten the day when the nations shall learn war no more.

3 P. M. Discussion of question — How shall the pastoral office be reinstated in the affections and usages of the churches which have adopted other and less permanent methods of sustaining the preached word?

Opened by Rev. Messrs. F. D. Ayer and Geo. E. Street.

Remarks were made by Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Rev. Ezra Haskell, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. W. Clark, Rev. B. Frink, Rev. Horace James.

Rev. W. R. Jewett read the report of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, followed by remarks from Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. The report was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Sabbath Schools was read by the Secretary, Rev. Geo. Dustan.

4 P. M. Children's meeting was held.

Prayer offered by Rev. Royal Parkinson.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Horace James, Rev. Silas Ketchum, Rev. S. L. Gerould, Rev. S. L. Blake.

Singing was interspersed.

5½ P. M. Rev. D. A. Mack addressed the Association in behalf of the New-Hampshire Orphans' Home.

Rev. C. A. Downs was chosen a delegate to represent this body at the meeting of the Trustees of the Orphans' Home.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7½ P. M. Prayer offered by Rev. C. E. Milliken.

Singing. A collection was taken for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, amounting to $59.30.

The Question—Ought the female members of our churches to engage orally in all the devotional exercises of the church prayer-meetings? was discussed.

Opened by Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport.

Remarks were made by Revs. C. E. Milliken, A. B. Peabody,

Albert Bowers, W. A. Rand, S. L. Blake, Charles Seccombe, and C. A. Downs.

Doxology. Adjourned to meet on Thursday, 9 A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Praise meeting from 8 to 9. Bro. W. A. Rand, leader.

9 A. M. Association called to order by Secretary. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill, was chosen Moderator, *pro tem.*

Prayer by Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Treasurer of the Association, read his report. Accepted and adopted.

Voted, That $250 be raised the next year to meet expenses of the Association.

Rev. Silas Ketchum, Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Messrs. E. D. Boylston, John Kimball, and Geo. E. Jenks were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a Congregational newspaper in New-Hampshire, to report at the next meeting of the Association.

Voted, That we deem it desirable to raise a fund of ten thousand dollars for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, at the earliest possible time.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following report: Exercises for the next meeting: *Essay*—The Relation of the Churches to Moral Education in the State, and the most effective means by which they can promote it. *Essayist*—Rev. Royal Parkinson, Primary; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Substitute. *Discussion*—What is the best method of securing Special Religious Interest in the Churches? *Disputants*—Revs. N. F. Carter, V. J. Hartshorne. *Discussion*—The duties of the stronger to the feebler Churches. *Disputants*—Bro. W. A. Rand, Bro. F. H. Bartlett.

Voted, That the persons appointed last year to collect money for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, be re-appointed.

The Stated Secretary was added to the Committee of Arrangements to consider the expediency of changing the time of the meeting of the Association.

The following persons were appointed as the Provisional Committee on Foreign Evangelization: Hon. John W. Noyes, Chester; Bro. Frank McDuffee, Rochester; Hon. J. E. Sargent,

Concord; Rev Alvan Tobey, Durham; Rev. Geo. E. Street, Exeter.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

BODY TO BE VISITED.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, 1872.	PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
General Conference, Maine,	Tuesd. before 4th Wed. in June (25), Skowhegan,	Charles Tenney,	L. Bowker.
General Convention, Vermont,	Third Tuesday in June (18), Brattleboro',	H. V. Emmons,	J. A. Leach.
Congregational Conference, Rhode-Island,	Second Tuesday in June, Pascadale,	C. E. Milliken,	E. H. Greeley.
General Association, New-York,	Third Tuesday in October,	S. Ketchum,	W. T. Savage,
Congregational Conference, Ohio,	Second Tuesday in June (11), Marietta,	James Laird,	Royal Parkinson.
General Association, Illinois,	Fourth Wednesday in May (22), Springfield,	F. D. Ayer,	H. B. Putnam.
General Association, Iowa,	Fifth Wednesday in August (24), Sioux City,	John K. Young, D. D.,	C. Richardson.
General Association, Indiana,	Third Thursday in May, Fort Wayne,	G. R. W. Scott,	C. A. Downs.
General Association, Kansas,	Second Wednesday in May,	F. D. Ayer,	H. B. Putnam.
General Association, Nebraska,	Second Thursday in June,	F. D. Ayer,	H. B. Putnam.
Presb. and Congregational Convention, Wisconsin,	First Wednesday in October,	Charles Seccombe,	W. R. Cochrane.
General Congregational Conference, Minnesota,	Second Thursday in October,	W. J. Tucker,	Charles Tenney,
General Association, Missouri,	Third Wednesday in October,	W. J. Tucker,	Charles Tenney.
Congregational Association, Oregon,	Third Thursday in June,	Clark Carter,	Ezra Haskell.
General Association, California,	First Wednesday in October,	E. Harmon,	J. S. Batchelder.
Congregational Union, Ontario, Quebec,	Wednesday after first Sabbath in June,	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.,	J. S. Merrill.
Methodist Episcopal Conference, New-Hampshire,	April, Bristol,	B. N. Stone,	Silas Ketchum.
Baptist Convention, New-Hampshire,	Third Wednesday in October,	R. Kimball,	W. House.
Freewill Baptist General Meeting, New-Hampshire,	April, Great Falls,	Geo. Dustin,	H. M. Stone.
Presbyterian General Assembly,	Third Tuesday in May, Detroit,	A. Tobey, D. D.,	Geo. B. Spaulding.

Bro. John Bragdon addressed the Association in behalf of the Congregational Church in Goshen.

Rev. C. Cushing, D. D., of Boston, addressed the Association in behalf of the Congregational Union.

Voted to adjourn to 1 P. M.

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10 A. M. Anniversary of the N. H. Missionary Society.

L. D. Stevens, Esq., Vice-President, in the chair.

Rev. C. Tenney offered prayer. L. D. Stevens, Esq., Treasurer, presented his report. Accepted.

Rev. Wm. Clark, Secretary, read his report. Accepted and adopted. Voted to have the report printed.

Addresses by Rev. J. K. Young, Bro. Pike, Rev. H. B. Hooker, Bro. W. D. Thomas, Rev. Quincy Blakely, Rev. C. E. Milliken, Rev. Asa Mann.

The following officers were chosen: President, Asa D. Smith, D. D., LL. D.; Vice-President, Hon. J. E. Sargent; Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D.; Treasurer, L. D. Stevens, Esq., Auditors, John Kimball, Esq., P. S. Smith, Esq.; Trustees for three years, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. Quincy Blakely, Dea. Almon Harris.

Adjourned.

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1 P. M. Missionary Society. L. D. Stevens, Esq., in the chair.

Voted, That we recommend to the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to adopt, so far as practicable, the plan of enlisting the aid of the stronger churches in behalf of specific feeble churches; and that when it is impossible for the time to procure the permanent services of ministers to labor in the feeble churches, systematic effort be made to supply them.

The following outline of a plan is suggested:

1st. That the Trustees and Secretary be requested to district the State into Conferences or adjoining Conferences and secure some Pastor to act as Superintendent of the district.

2d. That the Superintendent, acting in conjunction with the Secretary, visit these churches and arrange to supply their pul-

pits by definitely engaging each local Pastor to give one Sabbath, —calling on unemployed ministers and teachers in our academies, students in our colleges and academies, and others, personally endeavoring to enlist them in this work, promising them small but certain pay from the N. H. Missionary Society. Adjourned.

The Association was called to order by Rev. E. H. Greeley, Moderator pro tem.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Voted to refer the following resolution to a committee to report next year:

Resolved, That the Constitution be amended so as to change the order of exercises: namely,

1. Tuesday, 10 A. M. Organization, choice of committees, business.

11 A. M. Reports of Delegates to Foreign Bodies, and presentation of various benevolent causes, only three of which, aside from the State Societies, shall be presented at any one session.

The Committee of Arrangements shall choose the three, but no one of them shall be presented oftener than once in three years.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion.

3½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion.

7½ P. M. Opening Sermon.

Business, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 8 to 9.

Voted, That 1500 copies of the Minutes of the Association be printed, in connection with Minutes of N. H. Missionary Society.

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of Rochester for their kind and large hospitality, in entertaining this body and its friends at this meeting; to the choir of this church for their valuable services; also that the Secretary is instructed to express to the following Railroad Companies—Eastern, Boston & Maine, Bos-

ton, Concord & Montreal—the sincere thanks of this Association for reduction in fares to persons attending this meeting.

Voted, That at the conclusion of the communion services the Association stands adjourned.

Rev. W. J. Tucker preached the sermon before communion. Text, Heb. 7: 25. Subject—Christ the Leader of Humanity. Rev. Isaac C. White and Rev. F. D. Ayer officiated at the table.

C. A. DOWNS, *Moderator.*

G. R. W. SCOTT, *Scribe.*

A. B. PEABODY, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The progress of Christ's work in a body of churches can not be fully reported. Christian influence is too subtle and manifold to be described in words. Yet, it is good for pastors and churches to tell each other something of their work—to speak together of mutual joys and trials—while all are conscious that the deepest and most sacred experiences can be but partially expressed.

During the past year five honored and beloved Congregational ministers of this State have been removed by death. Four of them were venerable fathers, namely, Dr. Humphrey Moore, of Milford, the oldest minister in the State, ordained in 1802; Dr. Nathan Lord, so long President of Dartmouth College; Dr. Benjamin P. Stone, former Secretary of the N. H. Missionary Society; and Dr. Amos W. Burnham, for nearly fifty years pastor of the Church in Rindge. The fifth was Rev. D. C. Frink, of New-Boston,—a young brother, greatly beloved by the people of his charge, enthusiastic, and giving promise of much usefulness, but thus early called to his reward. The lives of these brethren will be sketched elsewhere—it is only suitable here to pay them our passing tribute of reverence and love. Several ministers, also, have been called to mourn the loss of beloved wives, whom God has taken to his rest. Changes in the ministry,—dismissions and settlements,—have been unusually numerous, and are reported in the proper place.

The statistics show that in the majority of the Conferences the admissions to the churches during the year considerably exceed the removals; and in those Conferences where the reverse is true, the excess of removals over admissions is very small. Yet the total membership reported from our churches is about 250 less than last year! Such a discrepancy ought not to exist. It can only be accounted for by a very careless keeping of records by church clerks in years past or present. The

actual membership of our churches probably exceeds that of last year by nearly 300.

Benevolent contributions are larger than last year, there being an increase in six of the eight Conferences.

We give a list of the expenditures, reported from the churches, for the repair and improvement of church edifices, and similar purposes, not supposing that it is complete, but sufficiently so to indicate the kind and degree of activity in this direction. It is commendable to the enterprise of the churches.

Repairs to the amount of $1500, including frescoing, a new pulpit, and new carpets, have been made upon the church edifice at West Lebanon.

At Lebanon $4,500 has been expended for repairs of church and parsonage.

In Henniker a new organ, costing $1,700, has been purchased; in Haverhill one costing $800, with other improvements to the extent of $300.

New musical instruments have been provided also in Bennington, Greenfield, Temple, and Mason Village.

The Olive Street Church, in Nashua, have expended $2,500 in repairs; Wilton about the same sum; Brookline and Greenfield $800 each.

Antrim, Hillsborough Bridge, Laconia, and Meredith Village, have repaired and enlarged their houses of worship.

Hollis has placed a memorial tablet, in honor of Rev. Dr. Day beside the pulpit.

The Pearl St. Church, in Nashua, have pledged $4,500 to cancel their debt.

Mont-Vernon has also liquidated a debt in full; New-Ipswich in part.

The First Church in Keene have paid a debt of $12,000; Fitzwilliam one of $1,200.

Marlborough has expended $2,000 in improvement of church edifice.

Fisherville has purchased a reed organ at an expense of about $400.

The people of South-Newmarket are enlarging their house of worship at an expense of $1,400.

Rindge reports extensive repairs, the purchase of a $3000 organ, and the introduction of new hymn books.

Troy, new hymn books—the "Songs of the Sanctuary," and about $700 raised for improvements. The pastor of this church, like many others, expresses his conviction that this willingness to spend *money* for religious uses is one means of preparing the way for the presence of the Lord.

At Alstead Paper-Mill Village, "Watts and Select" has been superseded by "The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book," and the church edifice much improved.

At Gilmanton Iron Works a larger salary is paid than ever before, the meeting-house has been handsomely carpeted, and other improvements made.

Greenland reports a new bell weighing 1350 lbs.

Portsmouth, repairs costing $600.

Hooksett, improvement of parsonage to the extent of $220.

Webster, repairs costing over $300; Andover, $100; Newmarket, $3,000; Exeter, First Church, $3,352.

Repairs and improvements have also been made at New Alstead, Nelson, Gilsum, Goshen, Cornish, Lempster First Church, and Sanbornton.

The church edifice in Claremont is undergoing extensive repairs, to cost about $5,000.

Newport is erecting a chapel to cost $6,000; Portsmouth has completed one costing $12,300.

The new church at Farmington was dedicated October 18. It has cost $20,000, and it is to the praise of the society that their charitable gifts have also been larger than ever before.

The church in Bristol was re-dedicated November 10, having been enlarged and remodeled. $9,000 has been expended upon the church and for a new parsonage.

The new meeting-house of the First Church at Nashua, which has cost about $45,000, was dedicated May 18.

A meeting-house was dedicated May 25, in Chatham, designed to serve both the people of that town, and of Stowe, Me., and the first church edifice ever erected in Chatham.

The people of West Concord dedicated their new church in June. It has cost $10,000, is of granite, and one of the most tasteful church buildings in the State.

The following *gifts* may be named, received by various churches: The Sabbath School in Farmington has received a $50 library from H. F. Durant, Esq. The church in Epping, a new year gift of a clock from J. F. Lawrence. The church in Stoddard, a new year gift of $100, toward the support of the gospel in that place, from friends in Boston and Raynham. The North Church, in Portsmouth, have received $500, as a legacy from the late Miss Elizabeth Walker, the interest only to be expended for the poor of that church. The church in Amherst have received, by legacy from the late Miss S. Lawrence, $500, the income to be used for music, and $500, the income to be used in an annual picnic for the Sabbath School. The same lady left $800 for Home Missions in New-Hampshire, and $1,000 for a scholarship at Dartmouth College.

An effort has been made to ascertain how many of the churches own *parsonages*. Returns have been only partial. Those received are as follows: In Cheshire Conference, of the 26 churches, 14 have parsonages; in Coos, 8 churches, 2 parsonages; in Grafton, 22 churches, 13 parsonages; in Hillsborough, 33 churches, 11 parsonages; in Merrimack, 25 churches, 10 parsonages; in Rockingham, 33 churches, 21 parsonages. In all, 147 churches, of which 71, or about one half, have parsonages.

The church at Hampstead have, during the year, purchased and fitted up a parsonage for $2,300, and the church at Auburn one for $2,000. Temple and Bristol have also provided them; and Goffstown reports, as a memorial offering, one costing $2,250.

In connection with these reports of the outward activities of the churches, may be mentioned one or two additional facts, which are suggestive and encouraging. The Sabbath School of the First Church in Keene have undertaken the support of one of the missionaries of the Woman's Board, and one of the members of that church, Miss Sarah A. Wood, has, during the year, sailed as a missionary of the Board, and is stationed at Kessab, near Antioch in Syria. The undertaking of the Sabbath School is the more commendable, as this church have, during the year, beside their usual benevolent contributions, expended four or five hundred dollars for a church parlor, and paid a debt of $11,500. The Franklin Street Church in Manchester, beside contributing $3,000 for benevolent purposes, has founded two

scholarships in Dartmouth College, and paid $300 toward sustaining preaching at East Andover. This is a good practical comment on the remark of the pastor of one flourishing village church, who, after recognizing the indebtedness of his own church to the feeble country churches which have sent it members, adds: "This incites us to contribute cheerfully to the Home Missionary Society, that where these churches on the hills are growing weak, they need not die."

We should be glad to present an accurate report of the *memorial gifts* of the churches in connection with the Jubilee Year, but it is impossible. We have never yet met any one possessed of sufficient ability to discriminate between "memorial gifts" and "ordinary gifts." All the various expenditures already mentioned, being aside from regular expenses and contributions, may, upon a liberal construction, be called "memorial gifts." Many of the churches have been led, by the impulse of the memorial year, to efforts which would not otherwise have been made. Gifts for the specific objects recommended by the Jubilee Committee have not been as general as they should. Hillsborough Conference reports, beside expenditures already mentioned under other heads, memorial gifts from eleven churches, amounting to $3,284.21. Grafton Conference, from nine churches, $2,241.70. Rockingham Conference, that ten of the thirty-three churches have given to the Congregational house $186.90, and four others have made memorial gifts amounting to $2,500. Cheshire Conference names only two churches as having given to the memorial fund, namely Keene (First), about $50; Marlborough, $60. From Merrimack Conference, $6,911.59 is reported as memorial offerings, from eight churches. The total amount thus reported is $15,234.40; but the expenditures previously named, may, according to the principles on which such offerings have been reckoned in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, be included; making the whole sum $191,556.40; beside those improvements the cost of which is not mentioned.

Centennial Celebrations have been held during the year by the churches in Candia, Fitzwilliam, Dartmouth College, Sanbornton, and Portsmouth (in the latter instance a bi-centennial), which have been occasions of great interest.

From this record of matters relating to the outward activity of the churches, we pass to speak of things more immediately connected with their *spiritual life*. It is worthy of note, and is auspicious of good, that the reports from the churches, while humbly recognizing the need of much more of the Holy Spirit's power, are yet pervaded by a general spirit of *hope* and *good cheer*. God's people, we rejoice to say, are generally expecting *progress*, and not decline. Yet there are allusions to the *difficulties* to be encountered. Some pastors lament, as the most insuperable obstacle to work of the Saviour in their congregations, the lack of *union* among his professed disciples. One pastor alludes to the petty *prejudices* which keep so many persons from the house of God, and thus describes one of them in language whose truthfulness many will indorse: "Some absent themselves from church for the very worthy reason that some body, at some time or other, has done some thing which they dislike, and for the sake of bringing that person to terms, they spend every Sabbath at home reading their Bibles (or, *possibly*, the New-York Ledger). But it is worthy of notice that, in many instances, it requires a long time to accomplish their object. Sometimes it takes no less than a quarter of a century." One experienced pastor alludes as follows to a serious danger, and its remedy: "The unfavorable drift of religious interest among us is away from the deep things of God, toward an undiscriminating religious sentimentalism. What we need in our families, and in the Sabbath School, is more systematic elementary religious instruction, given experimentally and practically."

It is needless to say that the reports from the churches speak of *intemperance* as being, now as ever, one of the most deadly foes to spiritual progress. Mention is made of some vigorous efforts to check the monstrous evil. In Boscawen, during the winter, the law was enforced against a hotel where intoxicating drink had been sold for many years, and $500 worth of liquor was seized. At Andover, a Temperance Society has been formed, consisting of 60 or 70 members. The pastor of the First Church in Keene has matured a scheme for the formation of a Sunday School Temperance Society. An unusual interest in temperance has been awakened in Goshen. In Tamworth, there is no place where intoxicating drink can be obtained

except the liquor agency; and the people, in town meeting assembled, have expressly enjoined that this agency shall be conducted in strict adherence to the provisions of the law.

One of the most hopeful features in the history of the year, is the manifestation of increased interest in our *feeble* churches. We rejoice to read the following, in the report from Cheshire Conference: "The one central topic of interest at the meeting of the Conference was the condition and wants of the *feeble* churches within our bounds. The question, What shall we do for the feeble churches? was earnestly discussed. It was thought that by visitation, occasional preaching, and a more thorough manifestation of interest on the part of the pastors of the stronger churches, and by the maintenance of a *home missionary* to labor a part or the whole of the year in the destitute fields,—each church in the conference being asked to take a special collection annually for the furtherance of this work,—much might be done to resucitate those churches that are now dying for lack of means. To superintend this work for the ensuing year, a committee, consisting of five pastors, four lay brethren, and four ladies, was appointed." This is excellent, provided the committee work in coöperation with the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, that there may be *unity* of action. Plans of some kind for securing this same object ought to be adopted in every conference in the State. By the blessing of God we must not let one of these feeble churches die. They should *never* be spoken of,—as is too often done, as if they *must* fail. Such language is discouraging alike to the members of such churches, and to those who desire to help them. There are ways of efficiently helping them, or, to speak more truly, there are ways of arousing in them the desire and purpose to *help themselves*, in connection with the aid which we can give them. Many of the towns in which the churches are declining, though diminished from their former importance, have still, and are likely to have, a considerable population; and who can give a reason why the gospel should not win its triumphs there as truly as in more prosperous communities?

We have the joy of knowing, as we gather in this annual convocation, that our churches have enjoyed, during the past year, many proofs of the *special presence of the Holy Spirit.*

Did time admit, every Christian heart would be interested in more full accounts than are possible, of the wonderful things which God has done. In the statements which follow, where the number of conversions in a congregation is given, we desire that it should never be understood as an assertion that the work of God was limited to these. Our arithmetic is but a partial way of estimating spiritual influences. They reach wide and deep. Heaven alone can fully estimate them. But numerical statements help us to understand the extent of religious influence in places where we have not been.

In many towns where no revival is reported as having occurred during the year, there have been conversions to Christ. Some (though by no means all) of these towns we name. The pastor of the church in Marlborough states, that few weeks have passed during the year without evidence of the special presence of the Holy Spirit, and a number of conversions have occurred. In Walpole and Troy, while but few conversions can be reported, Christians have been unusually blest in their own souls, and have grown in usefulness. At Hinsdale, where large numbers of *young men* are employed in the manufactories, the pastor has found occasional Sabbath *evening addresses* one of the best means of interesting and benefiting them. The pastor of the church in Webster mentions the happy fact that denominational prejudice is diminishing, and that persons of four or five different denominations assemble in the meetings which are held to promote friendly intercourse among the people. He has found it very profitable for years to encourage among his people the circulation of the publications of the American Tract Society; and it is a fact worthy of emulation, that a town of the size of Webster procures this year 120 copies of the American Messenger, sixty of the Child's Paper, and twenty of the Well-Spring.

An unusual degree of religious interest, accompanied by some conversions, has at different times during the year been enjoyed by the First Church in Concord, and the churches in North Wolfeborough, Andover, Hebron, Fisherville, Plymouth, Winchester, Warner, Barnstead, and Milton.

The South Church in Concord has received forty-eight persons by profession during the year. The leading characteristic of the spiritual prosperity which this church has enjoyed, is its

connection with greater *activity* on the part of Christians. The church sustains two mission schools, and several brethren have given much time and effort to labor in them. The First Church in Keene has received twenty-five upon profession of faith. The church in Bath, thirty. New-Ipswich has been blest by a revival, in which the churches of several denominations participated. The preaching of Rev. Mr. Earle, the evangelist, deepened an interest which already existed.

At Sanbornton, last year, a lady, mother of a large family, who had long indulged a secret hope in Christ, confessed her faith publicly. What must be her joy in the fact that she has since seen six of her children follow her into the fold of the visible church—four daughters uniting on new year's Sabbath together. One young man, who has since united with that church, showed his first decided interest in religion by setting to work and collecting a new class of young men for the Sabbath School.

The church in Swanzey, where the number of praying souls was few, and they sorely tempted to discouragement, has received much blessing in connection with the labors of Mr. Earle. Sixteen have united with the church by profession of faith. The church at New Alstead, during the week of prayer, and for weeks following, were blessed with the special presence of the Holy Spirit. Out of a population of three hundred, more than thirty have been hopefully converted, of whom a considerable part have been received to the church. Says the pastor: "The spirit of this revival, so precious and glorious in its fruits, is still with us, and we trust will abide."

A deepened interest in religious truth commenced at the village of Gilmanton Iron Works, during the week of prayer. Daily meetings were continued for many subsequent weeks in the Congregational and Baptist churches. The work was silent and gradual. Many young people, as well as those of more mature years, believed in Jesus, and some, who had been secret believers, acknowledged the ingratitude of their course and openly dedicated themselves to the Saviour. The church is in a more active and healthy state than for many years. Attendance upon public worship has increased, and a higher tone of thought pervades the community. Says the pastor: "We are

fully persuaded that these blessings came in answer to united prayer and the expressed desires of Christians."

Concerning a religious interest which has been enjoyed in Antrim, the pastor writes: "It has been so *quiet* and unexcited as hardly to get the name of a *revival.* There had been an evident deepening thoughtfulness for more than a year, more engagedness on the part of the church, great harmony among denominations, till altogether we felt the Spirit's brooding power. The movement commenced among the young, but it has reached those of maturer years. About thirty have made profession of their faith in the different churches, mostly in ours, and more are expected. We have no extra meetings, nor have had, except a weekly prayer meeting among the *young. They* labor with wonderful zeal and sense. We learn that the field of expectation for the church is among the young; that the best conditions may be reached without forced steps and extra meetings; and that sincere prayer on the part of Christians must avail much."

The church at Loudon enjoyed special blessings during the month of April and subsequently. The pastor says, in regard to it: "The confession of one who had been in a back-slidden state seemed to awaken a penitent and contrite spirit in those who heard him, and to be the signal that the Spirit was about to manifest his power. Soon after, a woman came into our prayer meeting under a great burden of mind, and in a few days found relief. During the next three or four weeks eight or ten were brought to Christ. The leading features of this work of the Spirit were these: It was calm and free from excited feeling. It was gradual, taking hold of one or two at a time. The converts were most of them young people. The chief means used were prayer and private conversation."

The Church at Hillsborough Bridge have been greatly blessed, and more than fifty in the town have become disciples of Christ. The people had, at an expense which was large for them, remodeled and enlarged their house of worship, and God blessed them in connection with this self-sacrifice. The religious interest was deepened by the preaching of an evangelist, Rev. Mr. Underwood, of New-Jersey, father of the pastor. Some opposition was awakened, though it was generally sullen and silent.

The work began among the young, but reached also some of the old. One man, over eighty, upon his knees, gave himself to God. He had always been highly respected, but every one who heard him testify to the reality of religion, felt that he had a new experience. The pastor mentions three things as lessons taught them by this blessing: namely, the honor which God puts upon the *Sabbath School*, in making the members of it the first recipients of his renewing grace; the usefulness of Evangelists to assist pastors; and that Christians should *expect* God's gracious visitations.

An interesting revival has been enjoyed in Hollis. It has been very quiet and gradual, so much so that the pastor observes: "There has been no time when an outsider would notice any thing special with us." He formed what he calls "The Young Convert's Class," which in July numbered thirty-eight. All but two or three of these have from early childhood been members of the Sabbath School. Two, who are subjects of the work, are children of Roman Catholics, and have met with great opposition, but as yet show no signs of wavering. The pastor adds: "The means used have been our stated meetings on the Sabbath, during the week one or two special neighborhood prayer meetings, and upon three different weeks preaching one evening by neighboring brethren. My conviction is that we have been quite as much blessed by the means used as we should have been by the aid of an evangelist."

The church in Brookline has been blessed in a similar manner. The revival commenced with the week of prayer. Says the pastor: "During that week we dwelt more especially on the sins of the people of God, and I endeavored to instil an earnest longing for a revival." A Christian Convention of the neighboring churches, held at Brookline, proved a great blessing, and after it a protracted meeting of two weeks was held,—the pastor being aided by neighboring ministers. Forty or fifty persons expressed hope in Christ. One incident is mentioned: "A young man, of pious parents, Christian brother and sister, and Christian wife, was labored with and prayed for. He manifested very little interest, and we were nearly discouraged. But, one evening, after one of the meetings, the wife said to

him, 'I have told God that I would be willing to give up my life if you could only be brought to the Saviour.' This remark seemed like an arrow from God's quiver, and from that moment the Spirit strove, and the resolve was made. He is now an earnest Christian disciple."

The Second Church in Keene has shared with other churches there the precious gifts of God's grace. The pastor of that church names, as one of the greatest blessings of the year, the *union* of God's people of different churches. "I have never," he says, "seen any manifestation of the power of God more wonderful than the union effected. All evangelical Christians were so drawn together that all was harmony, and our meetings seemed more like heaven on earth than any meetings I have ever attended. The cause of Christ never in the history of this town stood as it does now. The presence of God's Holy Spirit brought all evangelical Christians together on one side, face to face with the unevangelical;—not in hostile array, but they seemed to be separated by necessity, and stood with imploring looks, asking all to come within the blessed and common fold." There was a large number of hopeful conversions,—perhaps more than one hundred in the different churches.

A most interesting revival has been enjoyed at Lyme. Tokens of spiritual good were apparent in the Autumn. On the last Sabbath of December, at the evening meeting, one man—a merchant—announced himself for the first time on the Lord's side. It was, says the pastor, "unexpected to every body, and was felt to illustrate and fulfill the promise, 'Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear.'" From the opening of the year, meetings were held almost every day or evening for nearly three months. Christians *expected* God's blessing, and received it. One feature of the revival was the handing in of written requests for prayer in behalf of particular persons. In many instances answers were given so marked as to arrest the attention of all. It was the custom to return public thanksgiving for every such answer. The whole work was quiet, but deep. The means used were brief expository preaching, eliminating some one truth, and inferring the duty of immediate submission to God; prayer; and personal effort.

Fifty-two have been received to the church, and others will unite. The Baptist church has also received thirty or more. Among those received are both the physicians in town, and three of the five merchants; the other two having been previously connected with the church. Thirty-three are heads of families, and eight or ten are under twenty years of age. All ages are represented,—from ten to over seventy.

The town of Franklin has been greatly blest. The special work of grace commenced with the new year, and continually deepened. In the Sabbath Schools of the Congregational and Christian Baptist Churches, there had been for more than a year a constantly increasing interest in the study of the Bible; and as might have been expected, many of the children soon gave themselves to the Lord. In the High School, also, nearly all the pupils appeared to consecrate themselves to Christ. The pastor mentions two or three incidents of much interest: "One aged man had been led to resolve that when the new year should come, he would attend to the salvation of his soul. In the last night of the old year he rose from his bed, and found by the clock that it lacked ten minutes of twelve. The time had about come. Accordingly he dressed himself and fell to praying and reading his Bible; he implored help, and offered himself to God. Soon he found the life of God, and his peace flowed like a river. Another intelligent man had had his conscience pierced by an arrow from the Park Street Pulpit, Boston, and he could not extract it. It took away his peace. He arose and asked the prayers of Christians in his behalf. Soon he obtained relief and healing in the Crucified One. A stout, religiously indifferent farmer, three miles away, blest with a praying wife, was unable to sleep at night,—he knew not why, and when asked what troubled him, said, 'I feel that I must get up and pray.' 'Well, I would do it,' was the reply. 'But I can't pray; I never prayed in my life.' Still, by night and day, the inward voice said, 'You must go and pray.' 'But I can't pray,' was the constant response, until after bearing it for three weeks, he cast the unsupportable burden of his poor, sinful soul on the Lord, and now prayer is his delight. He is a new man in Christ Jesus." In connection with the various churches of the town, more than two hundred appear to have become dis-

ciples of Jesus. The pastor adds, "Early in march, we were aided for nearly three weeks by the self-denying labors of H. F. Durant, Esq., who, by his clear, discriminating, and powerful presentation of truth in public, and by unwearied private effort, greatly contributed to deepen and extend the work."

Similar testimony to the value of Mr. Durant's labors is borne by the pastor of the church in Bristol, where a wonderful revival has been experienced. The account given by the pastor, though all of great interest, must be much abridged. On the first day of January, as part of the result of a religious interest enjoyed in Bristol the previous year, fourteen young ladies united with the Congregational Church. At that time the Methodist and Free-Will Baptist Churches participated with the Congregational in celebrating the communion. During the services, the husband of one of the young ladies came forward, unasked, and stating that he had been one of the most hard-hearted sinners in the town, kneeled down and asked prayer in his behalf. The scene was very affecting, and melted almost the entire audience to tears. The great effort of Mr. Durant and others was to convince Christians of the sin of slothfulness in the Saviour's work. "Almost every Christian in town began to preach the gospel, visiting from house to house, and calling upon men in their places of business and of labor, exhorting to repentance,—kneeling down and praying with them wherever they could be found." Something like three hundred in this and neighboring towns, give evidence of conversion. Men who have heard the gospel unmoved for forty or fifty years, skeptics, some drunkards, some harlots, many profane swearers, and a large company of the more abandoned and violent in iniquity have sought the way of life. Says the pastor, "I have found that the sins from which it is hardest for men to break away, are covetousness and profane swearing." "The most important lesson of the whole is the necessity and opportunity for individual work by Christian men and women. There is no other thing so painful as the sluggishness of our churches, and the indifference and wicked inactivity of the professed followers of Jesus, while men are dying daily in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity."

And now, dear Christian brethren, this imperfect sketch of

the work of Christ in our churches, during the past year, is enough to teach us how much ground we have for *hope and courage*. Never had the Congregational churches of New-Hampshire larger resources,—never more real ground for encouragement than to-day. The very difficulties under which we peculiarly labor, may, by a manly and self-denying faith, be made means of good;—as the difficulties of our soil have developed a hardy and noble race. But in order to this, our churches must take much more fully to heart the lesson which comes from every revival enjoyed during the past year, of the importance of *personal Christian activity*. May we who are pastors, carry with us from this meeting the determination to strive with new zeal to exorcise from among our people the listless, passive style of religious character, and teach them that the blessing of the Saviour rests only upon the *active, useful* Christian.

A new lesson also comes to us from many of these revival experiences, of the necessity of *peace* and *love* among *different denominations of Christians*. We need a fuller, richer realization in our hearts, of the fact that our Saviour loves *all* contrite, believing souls. Thus, while we labor earnestly ourselves, we can fully rejoice in the Lord's work as done by others,—asking only to see the spirit of the one Redeemer.

And finally, the deepest lesson from this history of the year, is that the Church of Christ is *strong in the power of God*. All must have observed how many pastors, in describing the special work of grace in their respective churches, speak of it as *quiet* and almost *unobserved* in its beginning and continuance. Such is often the method of God's working. The very fact that a work is such, is an indication to the thoughtful soul that it is from God. This renewing and sanctifying power of God is, we may say with reverence, at the *service* of his people. The feeblest, most remote of our churches may enjoy it, and by it be made truly strong. May the coming year witness more humble, whole-hearted seeking after this power,—more sweet communion with God in the hearts of his people, than ever before.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

OBITUARY RECORD.

Rev. NATHAN LORD, D. D., LL. D., died at Hanover, Sept. 9, 1870. He was born in Berwick, Maine, Nov. 28, 1793, the fourth child of Gen. John Lord. His mother was Mehitable Perkins. He graduated at Bowdoin College at the arly age of sixteen. He then spent three years as assistant teacher in Exeter Academy, when he entered Andover Seminary, graduating in 1815.

May 22, 1816, he was settled over the Congregational Church and Society of Amherst, N. H., as a colleague with the Rev. Jeremiah Barnard.

Soon after his settlement he married Elizabeth King Leland, the daughter of Hon. Joseph Leland, an officer of the Revolutionary army. Mrs. Lord was a woman of great judgment, dignity, and courtesy—a help-meet indeed to her distinguished husband. She departed a few months before him—her death manifestly saddening the remainder of his life.

President Lord remained at Amherst twelve years, an able, efficient and popular pastor, when, in 1828, he was called to the Presidency of Dartmouth College, having been a trustee for seven years. He was the sixth incumbent of the office.

Upon his accession, the college was in a feeble condition every way. Under his administration it grew to the first rank among similar institutions. He wisely managed the finances, which were largely increased. During his term of office, Professorships of Intellectual Philosophy, of the Greek Language and Literature, of Astronomy and Meteorology, of Modern Languages and Natural History, were established. Also the Chandler Scientific Department was formed, and the Observatory built.

Probably there never has been a wiser, more effective disciplinarian than President Lord. He presided over the College thirty-five years, resigning office in 1863.

It is difficult, within the brief space allotted to this notice, to give the character of such a man; only a slight sketch is attempted.

All the faculties of President Lord were fully developed, and all of them of strength. Hence he was fitted for any station, and successful in any work he undertook. He would have been eminent in any profession, though he was doubtless in his true place as the head of a college.

He had a rare courtesy, combined with dignity. All classes (unless a college culprit) were at ease in his presence; yet each one felt something like reverence toward the man. He was learned for his time, but far enough from pedantry. His intellect was strong, and he reasoned well, though without the forms of the schools. Once grant his premises, and it was difficult to avoid his conclusions. His imagination was massive, rather than vivid. Often there appeared in speech and writings, both wit and humor, lending an indescribable charm to both. He had great skill in language, to express his own thoughts and carry conviction to others. His heart was both quick to move, and strong in its feelings, and all the products of his intellect and imagination were suffused with the glow of his affections, so that he always commanded attention, and deeply impressed all who chose to hear or read, whether they agreed with, or differed from, him. This same warmth and strength of feeling made him a good friend; and fortunate was he who could freely avail himself of his sound judgment for counsel and of his friendship for sympathy.

His opinions upon morals and religion attracted great attention, and caused much discussion and feeling. Often they were misunderstood, sometimes misrepresented. Of him, in these relations, nothing truer can be said than that which he said of his son, Rev. John K. Lord, "What he was and what he did grew naturally out of what he believed and felt." The dominant quality of Dr. Lord was his faith—his faith in God, and in the Bible as God's Word. He believed that with his whole

mind and heart. From that there was no appeal, either to reason or science, or authority of any kind. Its declarations were final. He interpreted it literally, according to sound judgment and learning; and wherever such interpretation led him, thither he was ready to go, though it might be contrary to established opinions, contrary to the fashion of this world. Nothing was doubtful to him, nothing was impossible to him, if found in God's word. Science was wrong, Philosophy was wrong, the Schools were wrong, if they seemed in conflict with God's Word.

Out of this literal interpretation of, and faithful cleaving to, God's Word, grew what were termed his "peculiar views," often misunderstood.

He did not believe that the present dispensation was to issue in the subjection of the whole world to Christ, but only in the gathering in of the chosen ones of God. The millenium, upon which his hopes and heart rested, was to come, not as the day strengthens itself from the dawn to the brightness of noon, but in the way of a crisis. Old things were to be subverted violently, taken out of the way by a hand of power. Christ was to come in person, taking vengeance on his enemies, and setting up his kingdom. In his method of interpretation, he could not well believe otherwise than this.

If, sometimes, he seemed to think the world was "growing worse and worse," it was not that he "rejoiced in evil," but that he felt that sin would never be overcome in the world till Christ met it in person, in his Kingly power. If, sometimes, he seemed to look coldly upon progress and improvement, it was not that he did not rejoice in these, but that he believed that *they* were not sufficient for the end fondly hoped.

If, at times, he seemed to be the apologist of slavery, it was not because he believed in the absolute right of it, but because he believed it a providential ordinance of God, in whose ways he had an unquestioning faith. Meantime, the individual son of the "cursed Canaan" found no heart more ready to sympathize, no hand more ready to help, than Dr. Lord's. In this faith he was sincere; patiently bearing many assaults from which he might have been spared, after so many years of faithful service, in his old age.

In this faith he peacefully died, in the midst of his children, Sept. 9, 1870, aged 77, faithfully "occupying till HE came." We trust that his eyes have "seen the KING in his beauty," and that he "is satisfied." C. A. D.

Rev. Benjamin Perkins Stone, D. D., died in Concord, Nov. 26, 1870, at the age of 68. He was born in Reading, Vt., Feb. 11, 1801; fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover; graduated at Middlebury, in 1828; and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1831. He was pastor of the church in Franklin, during the year 1831–2, and of the church in Campton from June 12, 1833, to August, 1837. He was then elected Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, which office he held till 1859,—being also, till 1854, General Agent of the Society. In 1854 he became Treasurer of the same Society, and also Treasurer and Depositary of the New-Hampshire Bible Society, which offices he filled until the time of his death. From 1854 to 1862, he was editor of the *Congregational Journal*, and afterward, for a short time, of the *Christian Reporter*, a monthly publication.

The great work of Dr. Stone's life was in connection with the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. He was indefatigable in his labors for it. During the seventeen years that he was its General Agent, he traveled about 65,000 miles in New-Hampshire, visiting feeble churches and addressing congregations in behalf of the cause. He was universally known by the Congregational churches of the State as a friend and counselor. Though inclined to too despondent views of himself and of the progress of Christ's cause, he was ever a true-hearted laborer.

Says one who had long known him, "As a preacher he was clear, discriminating, and direct. Though he made no effort to secure attention by the arts of oratory, all who were pleased with weighty thought were interested in him."

As a pastor he was diligent, and sought constantly the welfare of his people by endeavoring to keep them abreast of the times; but he especially labored for their salvation. About

thirty were added to the church by profession in Campton, during his pastorate; and the Church in Franklin also received accessions.

The testimonies to his worth as a parishioner, from the pastors of the church with which he was connected, are emphatic and affectionate. Says one: "I can not tell you what a strengh and support he was to me." And another: "As a member of the church he was a friend and help to his pastor. It is sometimes said that retired clergymen are troublesome parishioners. It was exactly the opposite with Dr. Stone."

Prof. Edwards A. Park, of Andover, Mass., thus gives his impressions: "In the year 1828 I first became acquainted with Rev. Dr. Stone. We were Juniors in the Theological Seminary. I found him to be a man of clear perceptions and sound judgment. When we entered upon our studies in theology, in our middle year, he developed far greater intellectual power than he had done in the junior year. His mind was logical and acute. His remarks on theological topics were very suggestive. I had very few classmates with whom it was so profitable to converse as with him. Whenever I have met him since we finished our student course in the seminary, I have been pleased to find him abreast of the times in theological discussion. A few years ago he was a member of the Examining Committee at Andover, and the questions which he proposed in the examination were remarkably perspicuous and pertinent. It was obvious that he had studied the subjects on which he proposed his questions. In his religious character he appeared to me remarkably sincere and honest. His expressions did not go beyond his feelings. He never seemed to be straining after an effect. I feel his death as a personal loss, and mourn that I shall never receive again his cordial greeting."

The Rev. Humphrey Moore, D. D., who died on the 8th of April, at Milford, was born at Princeton, Mass., on the 19th of October, 1778, and graduated at Harvard College in 1799. He studied theology with Rev. Dr. Backus, of Somers, Ct., and was settled as minister of the Congregational church in Milford, on the 13th of October, 1802. His pastorate, which con-

tinued for exactly one third of a century, was maintained with much vigor and success. Several seasons are recorded in which large accessions were made to the church. In person, Dr. Moore was above the average size and strength; his power of endurance seldom surpassed. By habit, and original cast of mind, he was eminently a self-reliant man. His opinions, the result of careful study and reflection, were expressed with boldness and precision. This independence in his judgments was associated with a dignified regard to the sentiments of others, which made him a valuable counselor. He exhibited great ability in the management of his farm, and commanded the respect of all who knew him for his sturdy integrity and his devotion to what he esteemed true and right. His sermons were marked by distinctness in arrangement, conciseness of language, and superior logical force. In 1824, he published "A treatise on the Divine Nature, exhibiting the distinction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." He was also the author of several printed sermons and addresses.

To the present generation, Rev. Dr. Moore is best known as a venerable Father in the Ministry, distinguished for his ready wit, his active interest on all questions of moral and political importance, and his constant and valuable contributions to the regular exercises of the Hollis Association. Dr. Moore acquired a handsome estate by his industry and economy, brought up a valuable family, and maintained an unstinted and cordial hospitality to the end of his life. His uniform health, consistent piety, and scholarly habits, united in forming a character of rare dignity and manliness. He died without knowing sickness, at the ripe age of 92 years, five months and twenty days.

J. G. D.

Rev. Amos W. Burnham, D. D., died at Keene, April 9th, 1871. He was born at Dunbarton, N. H., Aug. 1, 1791, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1815, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1818. He was ordained pastor of the First Congregational Church in Rindge, N. H., Nov. 14, 1821, and dismissed Nov. 14, 1867, after a pastorate of forty-six years. About two years and a half since, he removed to Keene, and

for nearly two years was a member of the Second Congregational Church in that place. The writer saw him almost daily during the last weeks of his life, and, without effort discovered that his path grew brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. His ministry in the quiet town of Rindge, as many of the brethren know, was one of no ordinary success. The fruits are many of them ungarnered, though some of them already have the ripening waving that betokens immediate harvest. There are other fruits, more remote than even the youngest living members of his church, that will, doubtless, be gathered till the end of time. The simple record of his ministry, as it can be summed up in figures, is this: nearly six hundred persons were received into his church during the first forty years of his ministry. But this will, doubtless, be found to be but a small part, and must convey but a weak impression of the gracious influence of his long and prosperous pastorate. We can state nothing definite of the good done in the edification of the people of God, and training their souls for Heaven. This, the most important part of the ministerial work, is left by "Our Father" indefinable, only to be known when "the glory shall be revealed," and the manifestation of the sons of God shall be commenced. It is little that we can now say of his instrumental influence in feeding the flock of God and adding weekly to those spiritualities that shall endure for ever. It is little that we can say of the great comfort that God poured through this pastor's heart into the hearts of hundreds of bereaved and sorrowing ones. We can say little of his moral influence in the town for forty-six years. Standing before the people all these years with character unimpeached, and his life without reproach, if he had done nothing more in this world than pass through it as a Christian minister, bearing in his hands and heart the robes of the profession unsoiled and spotless, his life would have been one immeasurable in its blessing. But his life was positive in its influence and character. Many of the brethren know full well how unassuming, even to a fault, he was, how accurate, how punctual, how practical, how clear in the expression of his thought, how unusually chaste he was in his style of writing, that reminded me always of his face, with its pure, clear, ingenuous expression. After he moved to Keene it was my privi-

lege to consult with him often, and I do not know as I have ever seen such respect and reverence paid to the sacred office of the ministry as he constantly showed; conscious of his own defects, most kindly considerate of others, he never seemed to forget that it was not, as many seem to imagine, the man that made the office, or the office that made the man, but God himself who made them both. His appreciation of any kindness or respect shown him for Jesus' sake, was most keen and delicate. You could not do any thing for him, without feeling more than repaid. You could not be a blessing to him without being blessed. He always managed to send you away "a debtor," and had my acquaintance been prolonged for years, as I hoped it might, I have no reason to suspect that I should have had occasion to abate any thing from my estimate of this revered father in the ministry. There was something wonderful to me in the fact that this aged minister had obtained such a triumph over the world. He was not troubled for fear he should not have a support, though his means were small. He put his trust in God, nor did he do it dolefully. He was beautifully benevolent to the last. He was an example in this regard, the like of which I have not seen, nor do I soon expect to see. I do not think he *ever* worried about his worldly matters, if he had, he would have worried more in his old age. It was a rich triumph of the grace of God in such an age as this, where the ministry is so sadly afflicted by the question of support, for Doctor Burnham to overcome this peace-disturbing and life-destroying influence. His sufferings for weeks were indescribable, and only equaled by the grace of patience God bestowed upon him. It was impossible to witness the agony he was in, and not sigh for the immediate release of his spirit. It was hard to endure the sight, till we saw how, day after day, God was adding some new cluster to the vine already rich with vintage. Trust, faith and love had something added hourly. God gave him, in these last hours as never before, "his daily bread." Peace, such as Christ left to his immediate disciples, not as the world giveth; patience also in largest measure and most beautiful variety, was bestowed upon him. It brought forth the tenderness of tears from all witnesses to see the marked difference between the grace of God and the graces of

a ruined nature. In all our experience with this suffering man of God, we felt the glory of becoming a partaker of divine nature.

His love for his people was a strong and growing love—"many waters could not quench it." Hour after hour he poured forth the very tenderness of his heart for that flock for whom he had lived, and doubtless for whom he had many times been even ready to die; down to the very hour of death he kept sending assurances of his love. All his love grew stronger, for his heart, as it neared heaven, grew larger; his love to his family, ever tender and strong, grew more and more beautiful to the last; he was continually thanking the Lord for his wonderful goodness and mercy to *him* and to *his*; his sense of God's goodness seemed to be the strongest emotion of his heart; he could find no language but the inspired, through which to pour his heart's feeling; many times in the day he would cry out: "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." I believe this sense of God's goodness to be the highest and the sweetest of all Christian experience. The most wonderful of the Psalms are burdened with this emotion, and Dr. Burnham seemed in his last days to enter into the very glory of this experience. Again, his conception of the greatness of the plan of salvation was so exalted that as soon as this theme was alluded to, he almost invariably clasped his hands, and raising them, as well as his almost sightless eyes, would exclaim with all the ardor of his heart: "Wonderful, wonderful, *perfect God* and *perfect man*." "*He* hath magnified the law and made it honorable." Finally, his confidence that he had preached the truth as it is in Jesus seemed to afford him the greatest comfort; he confessed his weakness, humbly acknowledged his many mistakes, but greatly rejoiced that he had preached "the blessed gospel of the Son of God." Almost through his entire sickness, he seemed to have an insatiable longing for prayer, and what was wonderful, when he was agonized in body and wandering in mind, prayer would restore his faculties to all their common clearness, and his body, tossed with pain, would remain quiet during the longest supplication. Day after day this was proved, and most sweetly witnessed to the fact that, as his heart had been fixed for years on heavenly things, it was now becoming

wholly absorbed in them. The day he first realized that he was near eternity, will never be forgotten by the witnesses around his peaceful bed. It was one Sabbath afternoon, when for more than an hour he conversed incessantly with his beloved family concerning his decease, in calm, clear language, but in a heavenly spirit.

We mourn and miss, but ere long shall meet him with that blessed number who wait with joyous welcomes. J. A. L.

Rev. John Milton Putnam died in Elyria, Ohio, August 18, 1871. He was born in Sutton, Mass., February 26th, 1794. His parents were both pious, and gave him up to God, from whom they had received him, in holy baptism, when he was an infant. His father, a deacon of the church, died while his son was yet a child, leaving his family in the care of a mother—one of the best of women.

Before coming of age, he served, for a time, an apprenticeship in the printing business, in Worcester, Mass. During this period he became hopefully pious, and united with the Congregational Church. A very strong desire soon sprang up in his soul to preach the gospel, and, though his means were small, and many difficulties were in the way, he determined, by God's help, to attain the object.

He fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy, and commenced his collegiate course at Providence, R. I.; but his health failing, he suspended study for a time, and afterward made special preparation for the ministry, under the instruction of Rev. Dr. Ide, of Medway, Mass.

His first settlement was as pastor of the Congregational Church at Ashby, Mass., where he was ordained, December 13, 1820. The church was weak, having just separated from the Unitarians, who, by vote of the town, had come into possession of the house of worship. During his stay with them, they built a new and convenient church edifice, and were blessed by many conversions and accessions. But after a ministry of several years, he was obliged, in consequence of the loss of his

voice, to resign his pastorate—to the regret alike of himself and the people.

He then established, and for a time edited, a religious paper in Keene, N. H. This was afterward united with a similar one published in Concord, N. H.,—the new paper being under his editorship.

His voice having by degrees regained its strength, he was installed, November 1st, 1827, as pastor of the church in Epsom, N. H. He remained there two and a half years, during which time seventeen were added to the church. He was dismissed at his own request, about the first of May, 1830, and, on the 8th of July of the same year, installed as pastor of the church in Dunbarton, N. H., succeeding Dr. Walter Harris. His ministry at Dunbarton was characterized by several delightful revivals. One of them, especially, which occurred in the spring of 1831, afforded wonderful proof of the power of the Holy Spirit to melt the stoutest hearts in conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment. As one result of that revival, fifty were added to the church. In 1861, after a ministry of about thirty-one years in Dunbarton, age and increasing infirmities led to his resignation.

His remaining years were divided between the homes of his son, Rev. George A. Putnam, of Yarmouth, Maine, and a married daughter, in Ohio.

He married, about the time of his settlement at Ashby, Miss Arethusa Brigham, of Westborough, Mass. God gave them eight children, of whom only the two above named survive.

After Mr. Putnam's retirement from the cares of a pastor, he employed a good deal of his time in writing for the press, and published a choice little volume, entitled "*Helps at the Mercy Seat*," consisting of devotional writings, original and selected.

His death was quiet and gentle, with no appearance of suffering. The daughter who watched over his last days, wrote: "He said, 'God is with me.' I asked, 'Does he help you?' and he said, 'Yes.' We can not mourn that he is at rest. It is what he longed for—a joyful exchange for him, and a happy meeting with many dear ones on the other side."

Rev. Dennis Clark Frink died at New-Boston, N. H., June 22, 1871. He was born at Raymond, Maine, Oct. 30, 1832, graduated at Beloit College in 1859, and at Bangor Theological Seminary in 1862. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Melbourne, Province of Quebec, September 25, 1862. In November, 1866, he was dismissed, and on December 12, of the same year, became pastor of the Congregational Church in New-Boston, N. H. A neighboring pastor thus portrays him:

I first met with Brother Frink in Washington, D. C., as a fellow-laborer in the Christian Commission in the spring of 1865. He hailed from Canada at that time. I remember that his hearty patriotism, for a resident of the Queen's dominion, together with his social qualities, cordial sympathy, and fervent prayers in our morning and evening devotions, warmed the hearts of the bretheren generally toward him. My first meeting with him, after we separated at Washington, was at a meeting of the Hollis Association, in 1868, from which time I became more or less acquainted with him, as a neighboring minister and fellow-laborer at New-Boston, till the close of his earthly mission and his entrance upon his final reward. His manners were gentlemanly, his nature peculiarly social, his greetings always cordial, his sympathy kind and sincere. He leaned to the charitable side in judging others, and to the humble side in judging himself. His conversation was spiritual, and his uniform inquiry, when we met, was, "What is the state of religion among your people?" And the reply to a similar inquiry respecting his own church was, "We need more spirituality." Never having heard him preach but once, I can only say of him as a preacher, that our exchanges were always pleasant to my people, and the testimony of his own people uniformly spoke of him as a very earnest, faithful, impressive, and acceptable minister of Christ. As a pastor they testify of him as untiring in his labors from house to house, and as kind, faithful, and sympathizing in his pastoral visits. His ministry, though comparatively brief, was successful. The last general revival of religion among his church and people was one of marked power and precious results. It called forth all the energies of his enthusiastic nature.

His labors for weeks, both in the pulpit and out of it, were indefatigable.

If he erred in his efforts, it was in forgetting that he was in the body, and a frail one at best, and imagining that the flesh was equal in strength to the willingness of the spirit. And in this respect he doubtless erred in all his labors among his people.

During the last year of his ministry, he was very anxious to have his people build a parsonage, and to encourage and aid them in so doing, he evidently exceeded his physical ability; laboring personally upon it over one hundred days, beside attending to his more appropriate pastoral work. His people did not require it. It was the result of an enthusiasm too great for his physical strength. The consequence was, that he had hardly become comfortably and pleasantly settled in the parsonage, when he was attacked with hemorrhage, and after a lingering and trying sickness of a few months, he left his earthly habitation, as we trust, for "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." In a visit which I made him the Sabbath before his death, I found him very feeble, suffering from difficulty of breathing, and evidently near the closing scene. After praying with him, I said to him, "I trust that all is well with you, my brother." He replied, as best he could, that all was well.

Mrs. Mary W. Clark, wife of Rev. William Clark, D. D., and daughter of Nathaniel Carter, Esq., was born at Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 14, 1798, and died at Amherst, April 7, 1871. A woman of superior understanding; there was a rare mingling of vivacity and strength in the original structure of her mind. To natural grace of person and intellect were added the culture of liberal studies and the choicer qualities of Christian worth. From the circumstances of her religious training in youth, she was led to examine her views of doctrine, by a careful study of the New Testament; and the result was manifest in a remarkably distinct apprehension of Christ as the Son of God. Few persons have attained such unquestioning and joyous faith in him as the Saviour. Her piety was, consequently, marked by an abiding serenity and hopefulness, which was very attrac-

ive. The young were drawn toward her, and older persons ıonored her with their confidence. Her attachment to the ordiıances of worship was heartfelt. She waited on the ministry f the word as a source of knowledge and strength. She found efreshment in the conference room. In the Sabbath School he was valued and held in high esteem as a successful teacher. n her endeavors to benefit others, she was eminently cordial nd helpful. Her views of life, her judgments of men, were ;indly and generous. The aged, the sick and the destiute, were the objects of her friendly care. Her cheering words nd thoughtful ministrations are remembered with gratitude in nany lowly dwellings. Hospitable by impulse, as well as prinıiple, her house was open to many guests, among whom the ıeedy and the stranger found a cordial welcome. But no enuneration of her virtues will adequately describe our sense of ıer worth. She witnessed a good confession. No one could loubt her sincerity or deny the consistency of her life. She lid not cause her voice to be heard, yet her presence was a ›ower for good. Her influence was like the fragrance of preious ointment. After an illness of two years, which she bore rith exemplary submission, without fears and without repining he welcome summons came, and she entered into rest.

The joy of life hath been to stand
With spirits noble, true, confiding;
O, joy unthought to reach the band
Of spotless souls with God abiding!

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

On the 9th of this month a large company of missionaries sailed from our great American port, bound to Liverpool, on their way to Turkey and Persia. The vessel was a magnificent steamer, and one of a regular line of steamers plying between the United States and England. There was a marked contrast between this method of travel and that used by our missionary brethren not many years ago. Formerly, a sailing vessel, not large, though perhaps not uncomfortable, was chartered mainly for their use, to carry them the whole weary way of their journey, so far as that was possible, and for weeks they crawled across the seas. Now they were availing themselves of the usual best modes of travel, as these have been created by the combined efforts of science and wealth. One missed, indeed, the prayers and hymns with which they and their friends were wont to part in former years; the thronged saloons and decks of a great steamer, most of whose passengers had no sympathy with these disciples, or with their work, precluded any thing of the kind. On the other hand, one noted a token of the predicted time, when Holiness unto the Lord shall be written upon the bells of the horses, and man's toil and riches and knowledge shall be made to serve Christ and his kingdom. And such tokens of a time yet far distant in its full glory, are ever and anon appearing. Even when the distinctively religious element is less conspicuous than heretofore, the careful observer often detects the presence of true religion in greater power. God is revealed as working in his providence for his church; and without human forethought, and sometimes against human wishes, the great machinery of earthly institutions and industries is shown to have a fitness for the highest uses. Full of encouragement, are such glimpses of the coming days; and often do we need to take that encouragement.

And yet, let Christian men remember, the grand questions remain as significant as ever: "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" *Living men* are still indispensable. When our dead Farragut lashed himself to his flag-ship's rigging, and so sailed on to victory, he proved that iron vessels, and all the latest achievements of naval art, had not rendered heroism less useful than before; and steamers and railways must carry *devoted hearts*, or the world's salvation will be as remote as before their creation. Faith, hope, and charity, are still the great factors in God's hands for the welfare of our race.

Whence, then (another grand question), whence are the men to come who shall carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth, nay, to the ends of our own land? In these days, especially, when careful and expensive education is deemed requisite for the ministry, how shall the needed supply be secured? how expensive that education is, involving (as it does) ten years of study, we need not say. The American Education Society is one attempt to answer this question. It congratulates itself that, beside its direct service, there is an indirect one which can never be overvalued. In the language of its Secretary, "It keeps alive the subject of the Christian ministry in our churches. It stands like a perpetual monitor, reminding those to whom God has given means, of their duty." "It has taught a great many good and benevolent men to do, on a small scale what itself is doing on a large scale." Our last annual meeting at Milford illustrates this statement. In connection with the exercises of our Society, a warm appeal was read from the President of Dartmouth College, in behalf of a dozen young men needing aid, and it met with a quick and hearty response. It is pleasant to think that, without direct or even indirect reference to the Education Society, a work is going on in our Country, of aid to Academies, Colleges, and Theological Schools. Great things are being done to give a broad and thorough culture to all who desire it. It is high time. The College, in which we are especially interested, needs, without a day's delay, new professorships, as of history, for example, and must positively *suffer* until her foundations are enlarged.

But beside what is done in such ways, or what we may hope

will be done, there is another important work; and this is what the Education Society performs in part, and would fain perform more fully. "What is wanted, especially in these times," it has been well said,—"what is wanted, especially in these times, is some way of bridging over *that awful chasm* which yawns between the young man who is poor, and the finished education which he seeks to gain." During the last year, the American Education Society has 'bridged that chasm,' in some good degree, for three hundred and thirty-eight. Of these, more than one half have been students in Theological Seminaries. How much of relief—of relief especially, from that last ounce which breaks the camel's back,—do not these figures represent!

Of the one hundred and fifty that have been aided in College, twenty were students in Dartmouth, nearly twice as many as were assisted in any other College except Amherst. These twenty Dartmouth students received from the society more than two thousand dollars,—while the contributions to its treasury from the State amounted to considerably less than five hundred. Making all allowance for what is done for the general cause in other ways, can it be that this is our share? Vermont gave nearly twice as much; was not at least this, *our* proportion? Twenty-four, only, of our almost two hundred churches, gave to this Society. We see some things working against us in New-Hampshire, that tempt us to discouragement; salaries are often utterly inadequate; able and faithful ministers leave us for other States. May it not be that *a greater liberality* on our part, and a greater liberality in this direction, would do some thing toward helping *us*? The promise stands: "He that watereth shall be watered also himself;" and again: "The liberal soul shall be made fat." So, too, the warning stands: "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." God *will* fulfill such sayings of his, although we may not see *how* he does it. He WILL fulfill them; there is a sure connection between bountiful sowing and bountiful reaping. Not always, indeed, is the harvest the same in kind with the seed; yet quite commonly it is. Many a minister would do the best thing for the enlargement of his own insufficient salary, if he would deeply interest himself and his people in aiding Christian young men in their struggles toward the ministerial work; many a

Church would do the most effective thing to secure or retain a beloved pastor, if it would do this thing. *Somehow or other*, that word shall be accomplished: "He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully."

Respectfully submitted,

August 23, 1871. S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund would hereby report to the General Association of New-Hampshire that their annual meeting was held in Concord, on the 7th day of June, 1871. The treasurer's report was read and adopted, and the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: namely,

Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., *President.*
Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*
SHADRACH SEAVY, ESQ., *Treasurer.*
ASA MCFARLAND, ESQ., *Auditor.*
Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D.,
Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, } *Executive Committee.*
SHADRACH SEAVY, ESQ.,

The donations for the year closing May 31, 1871, have been as follows:

FOR THE WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Congregational Society, Meredith Village,	$14.00
" " Troy,	6.00
" " Peterborough,	15.00
" " Northwood,	14.00
Members of Piscataqua Association,	10.00
A friend in Francestown,	26.00
Ladies in Exeter,	27.50
Bequest of A. Lawrence, Amherst,	250.00
	$362.50

FOR THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Rev. B. P. Stone,	$1.00
Rev. S. E. Gerould,	1.00
Rev. William Clarke,	1.00
Rev. H. Wood,	1.00
Mrs. Sarah Wood,	1.00
Miss Sarah Green,	7.00
Rev. William R. Jewett,	20.00
Contribution at General Association,	81.65
Congregational Society, Epsom,	6.50
" " Winchester,	6.90
First Church, Concord,	28.44
Congregational Society, Deerfield,	20.00
Rev. Jacob Chapman, "	10.00
Congregational Society, Hanover,	125.00
" " Chichester,	4.00
" " Milford,	25.00
" " Lyme,	20.60
" " Stratham,	7.00
" " North-Hampton,	2.50
South Church, Concord,	35.07
Congregational Society, Pittsfield,	20.00
" " Hopkinton,	7.00
" " Fisherville,	40.00
" " Sanbornton,	20.00
Franklin Street Church, Manchester,	50.00
Bequest of Sarah L. Lawrence, late of Amherst,	250.00
	$791.66

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held immediately after the adjournment of the Trustees, it was voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to eight widows in necessitous circumstances. Also, at a subsequent meeting, it was voted to appropriate fifty dollars to two aged clergymen in restricted circumstances.

In reviewing the year, the trustees must express their regret that so little interest appears to be taken in this sacred charity by the ministers and churches generally in the State. This is evident from several facts.

At the meeting of the General Association, held at Dover, 1866, it was recommended that in the month of January in each year, a collection be taken in all our churches for the benefit of necessitous clergymen, and the widows of such; the avails to be transmitted to the treasurer of said fund. Only twenty of the one hundred and ninety-two churches in our convention have seen fit to comply with this recommendation, by transmitting donations. Some of our churches, who have

given their hundreds to the asylum for orphans about to be established in this State, have not given our object a single shilling. And yet, it would be hard to show that even orphans are more deserving of our charities than the widows of deceased clergymen, left without the pecuniary means for comfortable subsistence. "Widow, is a word of sorrow in the best of circumstances; but a widow left poor, destitute, friendless, surrounded with a number of small children, shivering with cold, pale with want, looking in her face with eyes pleading for bread, which she has not to give, nor any probable prospect of procuring, her situation is neither to be described nor conceived." It would have been regarded as a matter of shame and reproach to this nation if public provision had not been made for the widows of those who gave up their lives in the great civil war through which we have passed. And is it not discreditable to our churches, if they refuse or neglect to provide for the wants of those widows and orphans, whose husbands and fathers wore themselves out in promoting the cause of truth and holiness in our State?

At the meeting of the General Association, held last year at Milford, it was voted, That we endeavor to raise, during the coming year, ten thousand dollars for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund. Instead of raising ten thousand dollars, the fund has received in donations only six hundred and fifty-four dollars and sixteen cents. Some clergymen are frank in the avowal that they feel no interest in the object of this fund. They hold that by the law of the New Testament, they, who preach the gospel, should live of the gospel; that pastors are entitled to receive from their people a just compensation for their services. This may be a correct theory. Yet many of our churches are so feeble that they who minister in spiritual things can not, with the utmost prudence, energy, good management, provide for the future wants of their household. They must either leave their fields destitute; and the people to perish for lack of knowledge, or else toil on in poverty, and be content to leave their widows and children, under God, to the help of that charity which we are now seeking to have augmented.

It is gladly admitted that churches and Societies are providing more liberally for the wants of their spiritual teachers than in

years that have passed. And there is one grace which many, who are now entering the ministry never expect to have an opportunity to exercise—the grace of submission in times of poverty, the grace, which those must exercise, who have families crying for bread, and know not where to obtain a supply, the grace, which the old minister must exercise, who has been discarded from employment by reason of infirmity and age, and knows not where provision can be had for the recurring wants of his family. But there is a grace, which those, who are pastors of large and wealthy Societies, or those private Christians who have been prospered in worldly things, can have an abundant opportunity to exercise: namely, To open wide the hand to our brother, who is poor and needy, to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, to remember that he that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. If we leave Christ's precious ones to suffer, how can we hope that the Judge will say to us, on the day of final account, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

In behalf of the Trustees.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

FISHERVILLE, August, 1871.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with H. S. HUNTINGTON, *Treasurer.*

1870.		Cr.
Aug. 24.	To balance in Treasury,	$194.47
Sept. 20.	From Strafford Conference, for 1869–70,	26.00
Nov. 22.	For ten copies of Minutes,	2.50
	For four copies of Minutes,	1.00
1871.		
Jan. 27.	For one copy of Minutes,	.20
June 21.	From Merrimack Conference, for 1870–71,	30.00
July 11.	From Hillsborough Conference, for 1870–71,	52.00
" 18.	From Cheshire Conference, for 1870–71,	23.00
" 20.	From Sullivan Conference, for 1870–71,	14.00
	Total,	$343.17

1870.		Dr.
Sept. 9.	Bill of Rev. Geo. Dustan, Sec'y of Sabbath Schools, for postage,	.50
Oct. 21.	McFarland & Jenks' bill for printing 1000 copies of the Minutes,	$206.00
1871.		
June 26.	Printing of Circulars to Superintendents of Sabbath Schools,	4.50
Aug. 22.	Postage, stationery, and expressage on Minutes,	17.50
	Advertising,	5.76
	Total,	$232.26
	Balance in Treasury,	110.91
		$343.17

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast, and supported by proper vouchers.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

ABBREVIATIONS. P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., Without Charge.

I. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Formed April 20, 1841. QUINCY BLAKELY, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Almon Benson,	Center-Harbor.		Gilmanton, 1840	Dec. 23,1840	W. C.
Joseph Blake,	Gilmanton.	Bowdoin, 1835	Bangor, 1840	Mar. 3,1841	A. P.
Quincy Blakely,	Campton.	Univ., Vt., 1854	Union, 1857	Feb. 16,1859	P.
Cha's Burnham,	Meredith.	Dartmouth,1836		Nov. 7,1841	W. C.
John Clark,	Plymouth.			Jan. 23,1835	W. C.
Liba Conant,	Orford.	Brown, 1819		May 29,1823	W. C.
James B. Hadley,	Campton.	Amherst, 1833	Andover, 1836	Sept. 20,1838	W. C.
Giles Leach,	Meredith.	Amherst, 1829	Andover, 1832	Feb. 6,1833	W. C.
Cyrus Richardson,	Plymouth.	Dartmouth,1864	Andover, 1869	Sept. 30,1869	P.
Moses T. Runnells,	Sanbornton.	Dartmouth,1853	The. Ins.,Ct. 1856	Aug. 13,1856	P.
Harvey M. Stone,	Rochester.		Bangor, 1847	Nov. 2,1848	P.
J. Wilson Ward, jr.	Lakeville, Mass.	Amherst, 1860	Andover, 1865	Oct. 15,1868	W. C.
J. K Young, D. D.,	Hopkinton.	Dartmouth,1821	Andover, 1829	Sept. 24,1829	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Tuesday before the last Sabbath in January and October, and second Tuesday of May and August.

II. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed, Aug. 19, 1799. Reorganized, Feb. 5, 1861. Sam'l L. Gerould, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residence.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Augustus Berry,	Pelham.	Amherst, 1851		Oct. 30,1861	P.
Samuel Bowker,*	Raynham.	Bowdoin,	Bangor, 1843	Dec. 8,1844	P.
David Bremner,*	Derry, East.	Dartmouth,1850	Andover, 1853	May 2,1855	P.
E. W. Bullard,	Hampstead.	Miami Univ.,'34	Lane,	Aug. 8,1838	A. P.
A. Burnham,	Hooksett.	Dartmouth,1852	Andover, 1857	Sept. 30,1857	A. P.
F. G. Clark,*	Manchester.	Amherst, 1862	Andover (spec. course), 1869	Sept. 2,1869	City Mis'y.
Wm. H. Fenn,†	Portland, Me.	Yale, 1854	Andover, 1858	Feb. 10,1859	P.
M. A. Gates,*	Salem.	Mich. Univ., '55	Auburn, 1858	Sept. 2,1858	A. P.
Joshua S. Gay,*	Auburn.	Amherst, 1841	Andover, 1843	Jan. 27,1848	A. P.
Samuel L. Gerould,	Goffstown.	Dartmouth,1858	Union, 1861	Oct. 2,1861	P.
William House,	Londonderry.	College,N.J. '54	Princeton, 1857	Oct. 7,1857	P.
Chas. L. Hubbard,	Merrimack.	Dartmouth,1865	Andover, 1868	Sept. 2,1868	P.
E. M. Kellogg,†	Lyme.	Hamilton, 1840	Auburn, 1842	Oct. 26,1842	P.
Joseph Lanman,	Windham.	Yale, 1864	Union 2 yrs. Andover 1 yr., 1867	June 2,1868	P.
Arthur Little,†	Fond du Lac Wis	Dartmouth,1860	Andover and Princeton, 1863	Mar. 16,1863	P.
Jesse Page,	Atkinson.	Dartmouth,1831	Andover, 1835	Sept. 16,1835	A. P.
E. G. Parsons,	Derry.	Bowdoin, 1833	Andover 1 year, Bangor, 1837	Oct. 3,1837	W. C. T'ch'r
J. C. Pratt,†	Tilton.	Amherst,		June 21,1859	A. P.
Charles Tenney,*	Chester.	Dartmouth,1835	Bangor, 1840	Feb. 7,1844	P.
J. L. Tomlinson,†	Waterbury, Ct.		Yale, 1855	Oct. 1,1863	A. P.
W. J. Tucker,	Manchester.	Dartmouth,1861	Andover, 1866	Jan. 24,1867	P.
Ira C. Tyson,	Bedford.		Union, 1862	Oct. 7,1862	P.
C. W. Wallace,	Manchester.		Gilmanton, 1838	Jan. 8,1840	P.

TIMES OF MEETINGS. Second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.
* Within the limits but not members of the Association.
† Formerly within the limits of this Association but relation not yet removed.

III. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 4, 1834. SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Nathaniel Barker,	Wakefield.	Dartmouth,1822	Andover, 1825	Nov. 1, 1826	W. C.
James Doldt,	Canterbury.			Dec. 25, 1843	A. P.
Thomas V. Haines,	No. Hampton.			Feb. 1, 1861	P.
Otis Holmes,	Ronkonkonia. Long Island.			Sept. 8, 1842	A. P.
Reuben Kimball,	North Conway.		Gilmanton,	Jan. 27, 1841	W. C.
Samuel H. Riddel,	Tamworth.	Yale, 1823	Andover, 1826	June 27, 1827	W. C.
Horace Wood,	Gilsum.		Gilmanton,	1839	A. P.
John Wood,	Wolfeborough.		The. Ins. of Ct.,	1840	Agent

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, and second Tuesday of May, July, and October.

IV. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 5, 1762. D. E. ADAMS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
D. E. Adams,	Wilton.		Bangor, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	P.
Frederick Alvord,	Nashua.	Yale, 1855	Hartford, 1857	July 21, 1858	P.
J. S. Black,	Nashua.	Congregational Edinburgh,	Theo. Hall, Scotland, 1869	Mar. 31, 1870	P.
Wm. Clark,	Amherst.	Dartmouth, 1822	Andover, 1827	Apr. 30, 1828	Sec'y.
J. G. Davis, D. D.,	Amherst.	Yale, 1836	Union, 1841	May 22, 1844	P.
Walter Follet,	Temple.	Middlebury, '25	Andover, 1829	Oct. 17, 1832	W. C.
Geo. E. Freeman,	Milford.	Gorham College Nova Scotia,	Bangor. 1858	Oct. 5, 1858	P.
Daniel Goodwin,	Mason.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1838	Feb. 22, 1839	P.
George Goodyear,	Temple.	Yale, 1824	Yale, 1828	July 22, 1828	W. C.
S. H. Keeler, D. D.,	Mont-Vernon.	Middlebury, '26	Andover, 1829	Oct. 15, 1829	A. P.
James Laird,	Hollis.	Oberlin, 1861	Andover, 1864	Mar. 15, 1866	P.
Geo. F. Merriam,	Mason Village.	Amherst, 1861	Union, 1864	Mar. 7, 1865	P.
Jonathan McGee,	Nashua.	Williams, 1814	Andover, 1817	June 30, 1819	W. C.
Royal Parkinson,	Temple.	Dartmouth, 1842	Andover, 1847	Oct. 18, 1848	P.
David Perry,	Hollis.	Dartmouth, 1824	Andover, 1827	May, 1828	W. C.
B. F. Ray,	New-Ipswich.	Dartmouth, 1851	Andover, 1855	Mar. 5, 1856	A. P.
F. D. Sargent,	Brookline.	Amherst, 1866	Andover, 1869	Oct. 20, 1869	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

V. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 29, 1788. F. D. AYER, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
F. D. Ayer,	Concord.	Dartmouth, 1856	Andover, 1859	May 1, 1861	P.
G. I. Bard,	Dunbarton.	Univ., Vt., 1857	Andover, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	P.
S. L. Blake,	Concord.	Middlebury, '59	Andover, 1864	Dec. 7, 1864	P.
N. Bouton, D. D.,	Concord.	Yale, 1821	Andover, 1824	Nov. 23, 1825	W. C.
E. Buxton,	Webster.			Apr. 10, 1836	P.
J. B. Cook,	Salisbury.		Bangor, 1849	Dec. 18, 1850	P.
C. Curtice,	Boscawen.		Gilmanton, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	A. P.
A. W. Fiske,	Fisherville.	Brown, 1829	Andover, 1832	May 8, 1833	W. C.
H. S. Huntington,	Warner.	Yale, 1857	Andover, 1862	Jan. 31, 1866	P.
W. R. Jewett,	Fisherville.	Amherst, 1831	Andover, 1834	Jan. 8, 1837	P.
H. A. Kendall,	East Concord.		Gilmanton, 1839	Oct. 21, 1840	W. C.
S. Ketchum,	Bristol.		Bangor, 1863	Sept. 17, 1867	P.
J. LeBosquet,	Lempster.			Sept. 12, 1836	A. P.
H. Moody,	East Andover.		Gilmanton,	Nov. 22, 1843	A. P.
S. S. Morrill,	Henniker.	Dartmouth, 1855	Chicago, 1859	May 12, 1859	P.
H. B. Putnam,	West Concord.	Amherst, 1860	Hartford, 1866	Oct. 28, 1868	P.
W. T. Savage, D.D.,	Franklin.	Bowdoin, 1833	Lane, 1837	Oct. 3, 1838	P.
Geo. Smith,	Lyndeborough.			Aug. 9, 1853	A. P.
C. B. Tracy,	Wilmot.	Williams, 1826	Andover, 1829	Feb., 1830	A. P.
Isaac Willey,	Pembroke.	Dartmouth, 1822		Jan. 18, 1825	Sec'y.

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, May, August, and October.

VI. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 13, 1833. H. V. EMMONS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
H. V. Emmons,	Lancaster,	Amherst, 1854	Bangor, 1859	Nov. 15, 1860	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, and October. This Association is composed principally of members from Vermont.

VII. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Formed at Jaffrey, August 5, 1793. ELIJAH HARMON, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp. m'n't.
S. H. Amsden,	W. Dover, Vt.		New-Hampton,	June 12, 1856	A. P.
Z. S. Barstow, D. D.	Keene.	Yale, 1813	Pres't Dwight,	July 1, 1818	W. C.
J. S. Batchelder,	Hinsdale.	Williams, 1852	Andover, 1856	Oct. 20, 1858	P.
L. Brigham,	Troy.	Williams, 1833	Andover, 1836,	Mar. 15, 1837	P.
J. E. Burbank,	Nelson.	Dartmouth, 1848	Andover, 1851	Apr. 13, 1858	A. P.
R. Case,	Jaffrey.	Burlington, Vt.,	Drs. Marsh and Wheeler, of B.	May 4, 1842	P.
W. E. Dickinson,	Walpole.	Amherst, 1855	Andover, 1858	Dec. 19, 1860	P.
T. W. Duncan,	Nelson.	Dartmouth, 1817	E. P. Bradford and Dr. Whiton	June 13, 1831	W. C.
A. C. Field,	Wilmington, Vt.			June 28, 1865	A. P.
E. Harmon,	Winchester.	Amherst, 1861	Hartford, 1867	Oct. 17, 1867	P.
W. S. Karr,	Keene.	Amherst, 1851	Union, 1854	Sept. 1, 1854	P.
J. A. Leach,	Keene.	Amherst, 1861	Andover, 1864	Feb. 1864	P.
G. Lyman,	Winchendon, Mass.	Amherst, 1827	Andover, 1831	Jan. 11, 1832	W. C.
J. L. Merrill,	Marlborough.	Dartmouth, 1856	Princeton,	Oct., 1860	P.
J. F. Norton,	Fitzwilliam.	Yale, 1833	East Windsor Hill, 1837	Oct. 23, 1844	P.
T. E. Roberts,	Keene.	Jefferson, 1854	Andover, 1857	Mar. 23, 1861	Ins. Ag
J. H. Rickett,	Stoddard.			Apr. 15, 1835	A. P.
J. M. Stow,	Hubbardston, Mass.		Bangor, 1854	Jan. 31, 1855	P.
C. Willey,	Swanzey.		Andover, as a Res't Licentiate	Sept., 1845	A. P.
H. Wood,	Gilsum.		Gilmanton,	July 10, 1839	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of May, August, October, and December.

VIII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 7, 1801. WM. S. PALMER, Wells River, Vt., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp. m'n't.
N. F. Carter,	Orfordville.	Dartmouth, 1853	Bangor, 1865	1867	A. P.
E. H. Greeley,	Haverhill.	Dartmouth, 1845	Andover, 1849	Nov. 7, 1849	P.
Asa Mann,	Bath.	Amherst, 1838	Andover, 1842	June 19, 1844	P.
A. L. Marden,	Piermont.	Dartmouth, 1856	Union, 1859	May 30, 1861	P.
C. E. Milliken,	Littleton.	Dartmouth, 1857	Andover, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	P.
Asa D. Smith, D. D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1830	Andover, 1834	Nov. 2, 1834	W. C.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, and October.

This Association has from the first been composed of ministers from both Vermont and New-Hampshire.

IX. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 24, 1787. SYLVANUS HAYWARD, So. Berwick, Me., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp. m'n't.
Geo. M. Adams,	Portsmouth.	Bowdoin, 1844	Andover, 1850	Sept. 18, 1851	P.
J. O. Barrows,	Turkey.		Andover, 1863	June 9, 1864	*
Joseph Bartlett,	So. Newmarket.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1843	Oct. 7, 1847	A. P.
Solomon Bixby,	Kingston.	Waterville.		June 30, 1853	A. P.
Samuel Bowker,	Raymond,		Bangor, 1843	Dec. 8, 1845	P.
Clark Carter,	Great Falls.	Harvard, 1862	Princeton, 2 yrs. Hartford, 1867	Apr. 27, 1870	P.
Cha's Dame,	Exeter.	Bowdoin, 1835	Andover, 1838	May 29, 1839	Ag'nt
Franklin Davis,	Newington.	Bowdoin, 1839	Bangor, 1845	Oct. 6, 1847	A. P.
E. D. Eldredge,	Kensington.	Amherst, 1929	And'v'r, 1 y.	1833 Apr. 4, 1838	P.
T. V. Haines,	No. Hampton.			Feb. 1, 1861	P.
Frank Haley,	Milton.		Andover, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	†
Ezra Haskell,	Dover.			1860	‡
W. S. Kimball,	Farmington.	Amherst, 1863	Bangor, 1867	Sept. 3, 1867	A. P.
Giles Leach,	Meredith Vil'ge	Amherst, 1829	Andover, 1832	Feb. 6, 1833	A. P.
John W. Lees,	Lee.		Andover, 1870	Oct. 16, 1870	P.
James McLean,	Hampton.	Williams, 1856	Andover, 1859	Sept. 30, 1859	P.
Selah Merrill,	Salmon Falls.			1864	A. P.
Israel T. Otis,	Exeter.	Williams, 1828	Andover, 1834	June 10, 1835	§
A. B. Peabody,	Stratham		Andover, 1859	May 24, 1860	P.
Edward Roble,	Greenland.	Bowdoin, 1840	Andover, 1843	Feb. 25, 1852	P.
Geo. B. Spalding,	Dover.	Univ., Vt., 1858	Andover, 1861	Oct. 5, 1861	P.
J. H. Stearns,	Epping.	Dartmouth, 1840	Andover, 1843	Nov. 6, 1844	A. P.
Geo. E. Street,	Exeter.	Yale, 1858	Andover, 1863	Apr. 6, 1864	P.
Geo. W. Thompson	Stratham.			Apr. 29, 1840	W. C.
Alvan Tobey, D. D.,	Durham.	Amherst, 1828	Andover, 1831	Nov. 20, 1833	P.
Cha's C. Watson,	Dover.	Bowdoin, 1863	Union.	July 11, 1867	W. C.
Isaac C. White,	Newmarket.	Oberlin, 1845	Andover, 1849	Oct. 23, 1850	A. P.

* *Missionary of* A. B. C. F. M.; † Physician; ‡ Acting Pastor at Barrington; § *Acting Pastor* at Brownington, Vt.

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. This Association includes also several neighboring ministers in Maine.

X. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 26, 1829. CHARLES A. DOWNS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Colleges.	Theo. Sem.		Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
E. E. P. Abbott,	Meriden.	Dartmouth, 1863	Andover,	1867	May 6, 1868	P.
Philander Bates,	Cornish.	Dartmouth, 1833	Andover,	1837	Feb. 20, 1840	A. P.
B. R. Catlin,	Meriden.	Amherst.			Feb. 21, 1865	W. C.
Edward W. Clark,	Boston.	Dartmouth, 1844	Andover,	1847	Jan. 1, 1850	W. C.
Charles A. Downs,	Lebanon.	N. Y. Univ.	Union,		May, 1849	P.
Jacob Scales,	Plainfield.	Dartmouth, 1817	Andover,	1820	Dec. 27, 1820	W. C.
G. R. W. Scott,	Newport.	Middlebury, '64	Andover,	1867	Sept. 17, 1868	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, May, July, and October.

XI. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1809. WILLIAM O. CARR, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.		Ordained.	Emp m'n't
W. O. Carr,	Barnstead.	Amherst, 1857	Andover,	1860	Feb. 13, 1861	A. P.
Mark Gould,	Chichester.	Bowdoin, 1837	Andover,	1841	Oct. 8, 1841	A. P.
Jacob Chapman,	Deerfield.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover,	1839	June 23, 1845	P.
Cha's Peabody,	Epsom.	Williams, 1838	Andover,	1841	Dec. 10, 1841	A. P.
N. S. Moore,	Gilmant'n I.W.	Yale, 1861	Andover,	1866	Nov. 11, 1868	A. P.
B. N. Stone,	Loudon.	Amherst, 1863	Bangor,	1869	June 6, 1871	P.
H. A. Hazen,	Pittsfield.	Dartmouth, 1854	Andover,	1857	Feb. 17, 1858	P.
Jeremiah Blake,	Gilmant'n I.W.		Gilmanton.		1838	W. C

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October.

XII. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1812. GEO. DUSTAN, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.		Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Asahel Bigelow,	Hancock.	Harvard, 1823	Andover,	1826	Mar. 12, 1828	P.
E. B. Claggett,	Lyndeborough.		Andover,	1844	Sept. 30, 1846	P.
W. R. Cochrane,	Antrim.	Dartmouth, 1859			Mar. 18, 1869	P.
Geo. Dustan,	Peterborough.	Dartmouth, 1852	Andover,	1859	Oct. 19, 1859	P.
Morris Holman,	Deering.	Amherst, 1837	Andover,	1840	Jan. 15, 1845	A. P.
James Holmes,	Bennington.	Dartmouth, 1838	Andover,	1841	June 22, 1842	A. P.
C. B. Tracy,	Wilmot.	Williams, 1826	Andover,	1829	Feb. 1830	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of May, August, and October. Winter meeting not regular.

XIII. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1863. A. B. DASCOMB, Woodstock, Vt., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.		Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
V. J. Hartshorne,	Enfield.	Dartmouth, 1860	Bangor,	1864	Jan. 16, 1865	A. P.
S. P. Leeds, D. D.,	Hanover.	N. Y. Univ. 1843	Union,	1846	June 18, 1851	P.
D. J. Noyes, D. D.,	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1832	Andover,	1836	May 3, 1837	*
Henry E. Parker,	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1841	Union,	1847	Mar. 13, 1849	*
John C. Proctor,	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1864	Andover,	1868	Lt. Sep. 14 '69	*
Heman Rood,	Hanover.	Middlebury, '19	Andover,	1825	June 12, 1826	W. C.
E. D. Sanborn, LL.D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1832	Andover,	1834	Lt Nov. 1, '36	*

* Professors in Dartmouth College.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS MAY 31.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch.Mem's, June 1, 1871.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Name and Place.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	1777	A. C. Field,	June 28, '66	June 28, '66	10	24	34	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	63	$16.00
Alstead, New (2d),	Nov. 20, 1788	Charles Packard,	May 6, 1846	S.S.Jan.1,'71	33	50	83	18	19	2	21	0	3	0	3	8	0	85	50.00
Alstead (3d),	1842	F. B. Knowlton,		1865 S. S. 1867	5	22	27	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0.00
Chesterfield,	1777	Vacant.			5	14	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dublin, Trin. Cong.,	Nov. 21, 1827	Vacant.			6	11	17	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	00.00
Fitzwilliam,	Mar. 27, 1771	John F. Norton,	Oct. 23, 1844	Sept. 23, '68	39	99	138	20	2	2	4	4	3	0	7	1	1	220	175.00
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,		1839 S. S. 1866	12	30	42	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	85	217.22
Harrisville,	1840	Vacant.			13	32	45	20	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	68	264.96
Hinsdale,	Reorg. 1821	J. S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Nov. 8, 1866	41	93	134	11	7	0	7	2	2	1	5	4	0	200	322.63
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	June 1842	Jan. 1867	31	74	105	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	130	75.00
Jaffrey, East,	1850	Vacant.			14	36	50	5	0	6	6	5	1	0	6	0	0	106	10.00
Keene (1st),	1738	Z.S.Barstow,D.D. Past'r Emeritus,		1818															
		W. S. Karr,		1854	66	204	270	35	25	7	32	9	1	0	10	12	2	400	733.21
Keene (2d),	Oct. 15, 1867	Joseph A. Leach,	Feb.	1864 Sept. 1869	93	175	268	20	24	2	26	6	0	0	6	18	4	342	1115.80
Marlborough,	1778	J. L. Merrill,		1860 June, 1871	50	103	153	28	11	2	13	2	4	0	6	7	2	226	223.51
Nelson,	1781	J. E. Burbank,		1858 S. S. 1871	35	54	89	23	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	95	93.32
Rindge,	1765	Dennis Powers,		1838 S. S. 1870	61	108	169	19	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	190	268.35
Roxbury,	1820	Vacant.			5	10	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	50	14.00
Stoddard,	1787	J. H. Rickett,		1835 S. S. 1870	11	31	42	13	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	0	50	18.00
Sullivan,	1792	J. Fawcett, Moth.	Apr. 14, 1861	S. S. 1871	31	49	80	16	3	0	3	1	7	0	8	2	0	65	23.67
Surry,	1837	Geo. Nims, Licen.		Temp. Sup.	1	10	11	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	0.00
Swanzey,	1741	Charles Willey,		1845 S. S. 1871	23	52	75	16	16	1	17	2	1	0	3	11	0	110	21.74
Troy,	Sept. 17, 1815	Levi Brigham,		1837 May 4, 1870	27	41	68	13	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	113	210.57
Walpole,	1761	W. E. Dickinson,	Dec. 19, 1860	June 2, 1870	19	67	86	19	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	147	246.69
Westmoreland,	Nov. 7, 1864	Vacant.			20	54	74	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	00.00
" Evang.,	1853	Tho's S. Fowler,	Methodist.	S. S. 1870	4	20	24	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	
Winchester,	1736	Elijah Harmon,	Oct. 17, 1867	Oct. 17, 1867	60	117	177	41	7	6	13	4	2	0	6	4	2	236	199.09
					715	1580	2295	422	120	37	157	50	33	1	84	70	20	3133	$4,298.76

Churches, 26; Pastors, 10; Stated Supplies, 9; Vacant, 7.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained 1821; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1861; Thomas E. Roberts, Keene, ordained 1861; George L. Nims, Surry, Licentiate.

J. L. MERRILL, *Statistical Secretary.*

2. COOS [AND ESSEX, VT.] CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1871.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1779	C. H. Smith,	Methodist,	S. S.	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00
Colebrook,	Nov. 30, 1802	Vacant.			27	51	78	13	5	2	7	1	2	0	3	4	2	60	$82.12
Dalton,	Apr. 28, 1816	M. P. Marshall,	Methodist.	S. S.	7	25	32	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	00
Franconia,	Apr., 1814	John W. Durgin,	F. W. Bap.		4	7	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	June 31, '38	S. S. in 1869	6	34	40	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	60.50
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov., 1860	Sept. 27, '65	38	107	145	24	0	6	6	3	5	0	8	0	2	193	389.00
Littleton,	Mar. 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept., 1860	Sept. 1860	40	125	165	25	11	0	11	1	4		5	10	1	165	556.00
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			7	21	28	8	2	0	2	1	0		1	2	1	45	00
					135	373	508	83	19	9	28	12	11	0	23	16	5	723	$1,087.62

8 Churches; 2 Pastors; 4 Stated Supplies; 2 Vacant.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Secretary.*

☞ The following omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 13, 1819; William Clark, D. D., Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828, Secretary of New-Hampshire Missionary Society; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; S. M. Blanchard, Hudson, ordained Oct. 27, 1853; Amos Abbott, Nashua, ordained 1857, returned missionary; David Perry, Hollis, ordained May, 1828; Frank G. Clark, Manchester, city missionary, ordained Sept. 30, 1846; E. B. Claggett, Nashua, ordained Sept. 30, 1846.

GEORGE F. MERRIAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1871.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,		1778	Asa Mann,	Jun. 19, 1844	Aug. 13, '67	31	78	109	22	30	1	31	0	0	0	0	24	3	125	$214.00
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4,	1818	Vacant.			1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bristol,	Nov. 15,	1828	Silas Ketchum,	Sep. 17, 1867	S. S. 1866	44	70	114	19	49	2	51	2	0	0	2	38	1	220	175.00
Campton,	June 1,	1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	Jun. 29, 1864	33	60	93	18	4	1	5	3	5	0	8	2	0	150	339.74
Canaan,		1803	Vacant.			3	14	17	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	10.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29,	1809	John LeBosquet,	Sep. 21, 1836	S. S. 1866	23	37	60	11	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	55	13.00
Dorchester,	May,	1828	Vacant.			6	12	18	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0.00
Enfield,	May,	1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 18, 1865	S. S. 1866	4	30	34	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	21.00
Groton,	Nov. 9,	1803	W. D. Thomas, *			10	15	25	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	50.00
Hanover, Dart. Col.	July 2,	1805	S. P. Leeds, D. D.	Jun. 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	110	139	249	116	13	3	16	2	8	0	10	5	6	90	801.00
Hanover, Center,	May 16,	1810	Vacant.			27	53	80	22	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	2	95	80.21
Haverhill,	Oct. 13,	1790	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849	Nov. 24, 1869	52	123	175	41	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	100	240.40
Hebron,	June 12,	1779	Vacant.			4	13	17	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	0.00
Lebanon,	Sept. 29,	1768	C. A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	54	128	182	10	0	6	6	2	2	0	4	0	0	165	280.00
Lebanon, West,	Nov. 8,	1849	A. B. Rich, D. D.	Feb. 7, 1846	May 17, 1871	53	99	152	15	1	4	5	3	2	0	5	1	1	256	377.66
Lyme,	May 22,	1771	E. M. Kellogg,	Oct. 26, 1842	May 25, 1871	104	173	277	58	38	6	44	4	3	0	7	30	2	220	650.58
Orfordville,	Aug. 27,	1770	N. F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867	S. S. 1869	44	64	108	14	22	0	22	3	2	0	5	14	0	140	160.32
Orford, West,	Apr. 30,	1822	Vacant.			20	50	70	27	8	2	10	1	6	0	7	6	0	101	148.41
Piermont,		1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	40	71	111	38	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	2	80	70.00
Plymouth,		1764	C. Richardson,	Sept. 30, 1869	Sept. 30, 1869	34	119	153	28	10	3	13	3	2	0	5	6	0	233	370.00
Thornton,	Apr. 11,	1780	Vacant.			2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wentworth,		1832	D. S. Hibbard,	July, 1860	S. S. 1871	12	50	62	0	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	116	39.00
						711	1406	2117	468	181	32	213	37	42	0	79	129	18	2397	$3,980.32

Churches, 22; Pastors, 9; Stated Supplies, 6; Vacant, 7.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Liba Conant, Orford, ordained May 29, 1823; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 4, 1835; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1820; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 13, 1849; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 23, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, Licentiate Nov. 1, 1836; J. C. Proctor, Hanover, Licentiate.

* Licentiate from Princeton Seminary.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1871.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 21, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, '44	56	145	201	20	0	4	4	6	5	2	13	0	1	146	$3,201.19
Antrim, Presb,	1788	W. R. Cochrane,	Mar. 18, '69	Mar. 18, '69	42	102	144	15	7	3	10	7	1	0	8	4	3	150	650.00
Bedford,	1750	Ira C. Tyson,	Oct. 7, 1862	May 6, 1869	63	130	193	36	2	0	2	5	6	0	11	2	2	300	177.78
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	James Holmes,	June 22, '42	Nov., *1869	16	36	52	12	1	5	6	2	1	0	3	0	0	100	143.28
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	F. D. Sargent,	Oct. 20, 1869	Oct. 20, '69	25	41	66	8	4	4	8	1	5	0	6	3	0	171	78.75
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1759	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	Aug. 1, *1863	8	31	39	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	18.28
Francestown,	Mar. 8, 1773	Cha's Seccombe,		May, *1871	74	130	204	19	0	1	1	8	1	0	9	0	6	333	608.73
Goffstown,	Dec. 29, 1801	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	34	107	141	17	4	4	8	1	0	0	1	3	0	225	187.64
Greenfield,	May 28, 1867	S. H. Partridge,	May 10, '53	May 16, *'69	36	72	108	16	0	8	8	2	1	0	3	0	2	128	101.65
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1768	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, '28	May 15, '50	46	86	132	31	4	0	4	1	5	0	6	2	0	200	217.54
Hillsborough Bridge,	Apr. 26, 1839	H. B. Underwood	Jan. 19, '69	Mar. 7, 1871	15	49	64	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	105	34.50
Hillsborough Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	*1861	16	25	41	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	52	56.00
Hollis,	1743	James Laird,	Mar. 15, '66	May 25, '70	83	147	230	40	3	11	14	4	9	0	13	0	2	225	877.24
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	Vacant.			13	25	38	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	00	00.00
Litchfield, Presb.,	July 3, 1844	L. H. Angier,	1840	*1869	2	8	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	00.00
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1857	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	Feb. 1, *1871	36	53	89	22	0	2	2	4	2	0	6	0	0	92	60.00
Manchester, First,	May 28, 1828	C. W. Wallace, D.D.	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	142	362	504	95	3	14	17	6	14	0	20	1	4	560	2019.05
" Franklin St.,	June 27, 1844	Wm. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, 1867	Jan. 24, '67	71	192	263	50	6	10	16	3	3	0	6	3	4	588	3051.00
Mason, First,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, '39	Apr. 18, '60	32	54	86	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	88	161.23
Mason Village,	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	34	75	109	18	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	2	116	122.50
Merrimack, First,	Sept. 5, 1771	C. L. Hubbard,	Sept. 2, 1868	Sept. 2, 1868	52	110	162	34	1	6	7	2	1	1	4	0	4	150	219.86
" South,	Oct. 21, 1824	O. H. Campbell,		May, *1871	2	12	14		0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	28	00.00
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	Geo. E. Freeman,	Oct. 5, 1858	Dec. 23, '68	77	189	266	15	1	9	10	5	2	0	7	1	2	375	1317.41
Mont-Vernon,	1780	S. H. Keeler, D.D.	Oct., 1829	*1868	52	125	177	33	7	0	7	7	3	0	10	4	3	170	243.88
Nashua, First,	1685	Fred'k Alvord,	July 21, '58	July 6, 1869	101	327	428	85	8	7	15	2	5	0	7	3	3	235	673.00
" Olive st.,	Dec. 31, 1834	James S. Black,	Mar. 31, '70	Mar. 31, '70	72	189	261	70	14	14	28	4	5	0	9	6	3	300	1512.88
" Pearl st.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Vacant.			50	134	184	30	0	1	1	0	5	5	10	0	4	140	847.21
New-Boston, Presb.,	1768	Vacant.			42	106	148	15	3	2	5	1	7	0	8	2	2	121	163.00
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 21, 1809	Benj. F. Ray,	Mar. 5, 1856	July, *1870	69	133	202	60	6	1	7	4	3	0	7	3	1	120	267.13
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	55	79	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	218	393.45
Peterborough,	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	45	101	146	12	4	1	5	0	4	0	4	4	2	250	332.75
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Royal Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1840	Jan. 13, 1870	45	83	128	31	4	0	4	2	2	0	4	4	0	161	190.13
Wilton, East,	May 16, 1825	Dan'l E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	37	85	122	10	2	1	3	2	2	0	4	1	0	175	186.44
					1512	3519	5031	853	88	109	197	89	99	8	196	52	51	6147	$18,113 50

* Stated Supply.

33 Churches; 29 Congregational, 4 Presbyterian, 20 Pastors. 10 Stated Supplies. 3 Vacant. [See under Coos Conference for Ministers without Charge.]

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1848	S. S. 1869	10	19	29	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	$39.81
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	C. Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	S. S. 1870	42	74	116	33	2	0	2	4	3	0	7	2	0	130	100.69
Bradford,	Nov., 1903	Vacant,			8	14	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.00
Canterbury,	1760	James Doldt,	Dec. 26, 1843	S. S. 1869	23	58	81	16	3	2	5	4	2	0	6	3	1	80	14.63
Chichester,	1791	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1857	S. S. 1864	31	46	77	24	3	1	4	7	0	0	7	0	0	90	80.50
Concord, East,	1842	H. R. Howes,	Jan., 1870	S. S. 1871	22	46	68	8	2	6	8	3	0	0	3	2	0	65	77.00
Concord, First,	1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept., 1867	71	170	241	21	3	8	11	3	5	0	8	1	0	205	1041.85
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	109	239	348	24	48	14	62	6	5	0	11	25	11	458	2067.02
Concord, West,	Apr., 1833	H. B. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1868	Oct. 28, 1868	47	105	152	22		1	6	2	2	0	4	4	0	130	229.00
Dunbarton,	June, 1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov., 1869	36	66	102	8		0	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	150	260.22
Epsom,	1761	Cha's Peabody,	Dec., 1841	S. S. 1869	23	39	62	7		1	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	50	63.16
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept., 1863	40	70	110	31	3	3	6	3	3	0	6	3	1	182	375.00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	43	92	135	39	1	4	5	0	1	0	1	0	2	175	175.00
Henniker,	June 7, 1869	S. S. Morrill,	May 12, 1859	Sept. 1, 1870	34	94	128	12	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	7	2	185	521.68
Hill,	1815	Vacant,			6	12	18	1		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,	1857	S. S. 1865	13	33	46	15		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40.85
Hopkinton,	Nov., 1757	J. K. Young,	Sept., 1829	S. S. 1867	47	118	165	40		0	1	7	4	1	12	0	1	125	279.33
Loudon,	1789	B. N. Stone,	June 6, 1871	June 6, 1871	15	45	60	20	2	1	3	2	5	0	7	0	0	87	15.00
Pembroke,	1737	Lyman White,	Oct., 1849	S.S. Apr. '71	36	85	121	26	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	124	105.42
Pittsfield,	Nov., 1789	H. A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Dec. 21, 1870	41	76	117	21		3	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	163	147.96
Salisbury,	Nov., 1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec., 1850	Jan., 1869	29	53	82	24		0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	54	28.80
Tilton and Northfield	1822	T. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	S. S. 1870	40	117	157	50		1	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	140	25.00
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	31	78	109	13	5	6	11	6	7	0	13	3	0	180	219.58
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	49	77	126	17	2	1	3	5	3	0	8	1	1	150	185.00
Wilmot,	Jan., 1829	C. B. Tracy,	Feb., 1830	S. S. 1868	19	30	49	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	46.10
					865	1856	2721	503	98	55	153	62	50	1	113	55	24	3091	$6138.55

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Vacant,			24	59	83	2	3	4	7	2	3	0	5	3	0	95	$80.50
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1848	Vacant.			22	44	66	14	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	100	40 10
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	W. C. Jackson,	Oct., 1835	S. S. 1870	12	36	48	6	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	2	63	00.00
Candia,		1770 Vacant.			73	110	183	7	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	170	229 19
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	Vacant.			48	112	160	25	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	132	364 60
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 30, '66	42	84	127	15	20	2	22	3	0	0	3	20	0	110	150 00
Derry, 1st,		1719 David Bremner,	May 5, 1855	Apr. 27, '71	50	140	190	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	150	144 35
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	Vacant.			23	89	112	18	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	85	277.84
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	15	41	56	13	3	4	7	1	0	0	1	0	1	107	165.73
Exeter, 1st,	1638 Re	Swift Byington,		1852 June 2, '71	41	99	140	46	0	0	0	7	3	0	10	0	0	125	336.73
Exeter, 2d,		1813 George E. Street,	Apr. 6, 1864	Mar. 30, '71	17	62	79	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	118	00 00
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, '52	Feb. 25, '52	10	44	54	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	78	203.02
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	Dec. 14, '70	21	60	81	2	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	130	138.49
Hampton,		1638 James McLean,	Sept. 1859	Dec. 15, '70	74	139	213	25	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	198	142.20
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 3, 1838	June 30, '64	11	49	60	5	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	40.00
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, '53	S. S. 1868	9	40	49	8	5	0	5	1	0	1	2	5	2	80	78.33
Londonderry, Presb.,	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	54	128	182	23	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	212	257.62
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, '25	S. S. 1846	11	43	54	4	11	0	11	1	0	0	1	10	0	200	17 00
Newington,	Oct. 26, 1715	Franklin Davis,	Oct. 6, 1847	S. S. 1864	3	14	17	1	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	3	3	60	5.00
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, '50	S. S. 1865	25	45	70	25	4	2	6	0	2	0	2	3	0	140	51.60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1730	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	April 27, '70	54	91	145	24	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	180	200.45
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	33	63	96	12	5	0	5	4	1	2	7	3	2	120	74 52
Nottingham,	Aug. 1840	Vacant.			2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	00 00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4. 1730	Calvin Terry,	Dec., 1846	S. S. 1869	22	53	75	11	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	2	0	100	315.00
Portsmouth,	July 11, 1671	George M. Adams	Sept. 18, '51	June 3, '63	109	300	409	74	21	11	32	11	12	0	23	14	10	225	1335 51
Raymond,	1791	Samuel Bowker,	Dec. 8, 1844	Nov. 30, '70	62	91	153	18	2	5	7	5	0	0	5	0	1	155	60 00
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1736	Vacant.			17	49	66	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	00 00
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	M. A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	S. S. 1870	16	57	73	22	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	100	182 00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	1837	Vacant			13	24	37	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	47 25
South Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand,	Licentiate,	S. S. 1867	12	16	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	00 00
South-Newmarket,	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 1847	S. S. 1869	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	50	25.25
Stratham,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 24, '69	Nov. 25, '69	15	34	49	7	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	326 07
Windham,	1742	Joseph Lanman,	June 2, 1868	June 2, 1868	42	112	154	23	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	200	350.00
					986	2338	3324	486	92	52	144	64	45	2	111	66	35	3757	$5704 85

Churches, 33. Pastors, 14. Stated Supplies, 11. Vacant, 8.

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5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.			Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1871.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Or anized.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25,	1841	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1848	S. S. 1869	10	19	29	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	$39.81
Boscawen,	Oct. 8,	1740	C. Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	S. S. 1870	42	74	116	33	2	0	2	4	3	0	7	2	0	130	100.69
Bradford,	Nov.,	1803	Vacant,			8	14	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.00
Canterbury,		1760	James Doldt,	Dec. 26, 1843	S. S. 1869	23	58	81	16	3	2	5	4	2	0	6	3	1	80	14.63
Chichester,		1791	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1857	S. S. 1864	31	46	77	24	3	1	4	7	0	0	7	0	0	90	80.50
Concord, East,		1842	H. R. Howes,	Jan., 1870	S. S. 1871	22	46	68	8	2	6	8	3	0	0	3	2	0	65	77.00
Concord, First,		1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept., 1867	71	170	241	21	3	8	11	3	5	0	8	1	0	205	1041.85
Concord, South,	Feb. 1,	1837	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	109	239	348	24	48	14	62	6	5	0	11	25	11	458	2067.02
Concord, West,	Apr.,	1833	H. B. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1868	Oct. 28, 1868	47	105	152	22	5	1	6	2	2	0	4	4	0	130	229.00
Dunbarton,	June,	1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov., 1865	36	66	102	8	2	0	2	1		0	4	0	1	150	260.22
Epsom,		1761	Cha's Peabody,	Dec., 1841	S. S. 1869	23	39	62	7	2	1	3	0		0	2	2	0	50	63.16
Fisherville,	Nov. 6,	1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept., 1863	40	70	110	31	3	3	6	3		0	6	3	1	182	375.00
Franklin,	Jan. 11,	1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	43	92	135	39	1	4	5	0		0	1	0	2	175	175.00
Henniker,	June 7,	1869	S. S. Morrill,	May 12, 1859	Sept. 1, 1870	34	94	128	12	10	3	13	0		0	0	7	2	185	521.68
Hill,		1815	Vacant,			6	12	18	1		0	0	1		0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Hooksett,		1828	A. Burnham,	1857	S. S. 1865	15	33	46	15		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	50	40.85
Hopkinton,	Nov.,	1757	J. K. Young,	Sept., 1829	S. S. 1867	47	118	165	40		0	1	7		1	12	0	1	125	279.33
Loudon,		1789	B. N. Stone,	June 6, 1871	June 6, 1871	15	45	60	20	2	1	3	2		0	7	0	0	87	15.00
Pembroke,		1737	Lyman White,	Oct., 1849	S. S. Apr. '71	36	85	121	26	0	0	0	4		0	5	0	0	124	105.42
Pittsfield,	Nov.,	1789	H. A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Dec. 21, 1870	41	76	117	21	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	163	147.96
Salisbury,	Nov.,	1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec., 1850	Jan., 1869	29	53	82	24		0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	54	28.80
Tilton and Northfield		1822	T. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	S. S. 1870	40	117	157	50		1	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	140	25.00
Warner,	Feb. 5,	1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	31	78	109	13	5	6	11	6	7	0	13	3	0	180	219.53
Webster,	Sept. 10,	1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	49	77	126	17	2	1	3	5	3	0	8	1	1	150	185.00
Wilmot,	Jan.,	1829	C. B. Tracy,	Feb., 1830	S. S. 1868	19	30	49	10		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	46.10
						865	1856	2721	503	98	55	153	62	50	1	113	55	24	3091	$6138.55

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Dl.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Vacant,			24	59	83	2	3	4	7	2	3	0	5	3	0	95	$80.50
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1848	Vacant.			22	44	66	14	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	100	40 10
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	W. C. Jackson,	Oct., 1835	S. S. 1870	12	36	48	6	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	2	62	00.00
Candia,	1770	Vacant.			73	110	183	7	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	170	229 19
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	Vacant.			48	112	160	25	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	132	364.00
Deerfield,	Jan.	1766 Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 30, '66	43	84	127	15	20	2	22	3	0	0	3	20	0	110	150.00
Derry, 1st,		1719 David Bremner,	May 5, 1855	Apr. 27, '71	50	140	190	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	150	144 35
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	Vacant.			23	89	112	18	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	85	277.84
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	15	41	56	13	3	4	7	1	0	0	1	0	1	107	165.73
Exeter, 1st,	1638 Re. 1698	Swift Byington,		1852 June 2, '71	41	99	140	46	0	0	0	7	3	0	10	0	0	125	330.73
Exeter, 2d,	1813	George E. Street,	Apr. 6, 1864	Mar. 30, '71	17	62	79	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	118	00.00
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, '52	Feb. 25, '52	10	44	54	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	78	203.02
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	Dec. 14, '70	21	60	81	2	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	130	138.49
Hampton,	1638	James McLean,	Sept. 1859	Dec. 15, '70	74	139	213	25	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	198	142.20
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 3, 1838	June 30, '64	11	49	60	5	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	40.00
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, '53	S. S. 1868	9	40	49	8	5	0	5	1	0	1	2	5	2	80	78.33
Londonderry, Presb.,	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	54	128	182	23	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	212	257.62
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, '25	S. S. 1846	11	43	54	4	11	0	11	1	0	0	1	10	0	200	17 00
Newington,	Oct. 26, 1715	Franklin Davis,	Oct. 6, 1847	S. S. 1864	3	14	17	1	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	3	3	60	5.00
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, '50	S. S. 1865	25	45	70	25	4	2	6	0	2	0	2	3	0	140	51.60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	April 27, '70	54	91	145	24	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	180	200.45
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	33	63	96	12	5	0	5	4	1	2	7	3	2	120	74 52
Nottingham,	Aug. 1840	Vacant.			2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	00	00 00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4. 1730	Calvin Terry,	Dec., 1846	S. S. 1869	22	53	75	11	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	2	0	100	315.00
Portsmouth,	July 11, 1671	George M. Adams,	Sept. 18, '51	June 3, '63	109	300	409	74	21	11	32	11	12	0	23	14	10	225	1395.51
Raymond,	1791	Samuel Bowker,	Dec. 8, 1844	Nov. 30, '70	62	91	153	18	2	5	7	5	0	0	5	0	1	155	60.00
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1735	Vacant.			17	49	66	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	00.00
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	M. A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	S. S. 1870	16	57	73	22	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	100	182 00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	1837	Vacant			13	24	37	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	47 25
South Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand,	Licentiate,	S. S. 1867	12	16	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	00 00
South-Newmarket,	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 1847	S. S. 1869	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	50	25.25
Stratham,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 24, '60	Nov. 25, '69	15	34	49	7	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	326 07
Windham,	1742	Joseph Lanman,	June 2, 1868	June 2, 1868	42	112	154	23	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	200	350.00
					986	2338	3324	486	92	52	144	64	45	2	111	66	35	3757	$5704 85

Churches, 33. Pastors, 14. Stated Supplies, 11. Vacant, 8.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Cha's Dame, Exeter, ordained May 29, 1839; Tho's Jameson, Greenland, ordained July, 1825; E. G. Parsons, Derry, ordained Oct. 4, 1837; Geo. W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Joseph Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847. EDWARD ROBIE, *Statistical Secretary.*

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1871.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			6	20	26	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	$6.75
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	Ezra Haskell,		S.S.Aug. '69	13	31	44	9	13	3	16	2	0	0	2	11	0	150	15.00
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant.			7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.00
Barnstead Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Nov. '69	14	26	40	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	00.00
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1837	Vacant.			22	36	58	14	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	5	84	
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	E. P. Eastman,	Apr. 20, '71	Apr. 20, '71	21	59	80		1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	90	24.00
Dover, First Church,	Jan. 7, 1836	Geo. B. Spalding,	1861	Sept. 1, 1869	68	222	290	47	1	6	7	4	5	0	9	1	3	241	651.19
Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	Vacant.			11	56	67	21	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	120	181.00
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Vacant.			21	63	84	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158	308 00
Effingham,	May 17, 1830	Vacant.			5	16	21	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	00.00
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	W. S. Kimball,	1867	S.S. Sept. '69	11	38	49	6	3	1	4	0	5	1	6	2	1	150	198.49
Gilmanton Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Vacant.			36	68	104	24	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	65	27.92
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	N. S. Moore,	Nov. 11, '68	S. S. Dec. '70	23	64	87	35	9	3	12	1	1	0	2	9	0	50	00 00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			6	9	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Laconia,	June 28, 1824	J. W. Ward, jr.,		S.S. Apr. '71	37	101	138	55	1	1	2	4	4	0	8	1	0	150	89.75
Lee,	Dec. 2, 1867	J. W. Lees,	Oct. 16, '70	Oct. 16, '70	5	29	34	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	00 00
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Vacant.			17	37	54	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	55	108 62
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	S. S. 1869	26	59	85	4	4	0	4	3	0	1	4	3	0	110	45 84
Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant.			8	17	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	00.00
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 26, 1806	Vacant.			15	23	38	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	15.00
Rochester,	1737	H. M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	May 18, '71	41	103	144	12	5	0	5	4	4	0	8	4	2	150	385.75
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Selah Merrill,	1864	S.S. Oct. '70	17	62	79	50	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	105	
Sanbornton,	Nov. 13, 1771	M. T. Runnels,	Aug. 13, '56	June 11, '68	45	93	138	15	9	4	13	3	1	0	4	8	6	123	220 85
Sandwich,	1814	Vacant.			6	13	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00 00
Sandwich, North,	June 17, 1832	Vacant.			12	14	26	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00 00
Somersworth, G. Falls	June 16, 1827	Clark Carter,	Feb. 13, '68	Apr. 27, '70	46	135	181	36	2	3	5	2	2	0	4	2	2	200	756.68
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Vacant.			30	72	102	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	125	93 75
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00.00
Wakefield,	June 17, 1795	Alvan Tobey, D.D.	Nov. 20, '33	S.S. 1871	6	31	37	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	35	50.00
Wolfeborough,	Jan. 17, 1834	T. A. Emerson,	Nov. 25, '69	Nov. 27, '69	22	59	81	20	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	128	177 04
Wolfeboro', North,	June 18, 1839	Vacant.			4	12	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3.00
					602	1584	2186	483	55	25	80	40	35	3	78	46	21	2612	3418.63

Churches, 31. Pastors, 7. Stated Supplies, 8. Vacant, 16.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. John Wood, Wolfeborough, ordained 1840; Almon Benson, Center-Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826; T. P. Smith, North Wolfeborough, ordained Sept. 12, 1838; Reuben Kimball, Conway, ordained Jan. 27, 1841; Jeremiah Blake, Gilmanton Iron Works, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Joseph Blake, Gilmanton Center, ordained March 3, 1841; Giles Leach, Meredith Village, ordained Feb. 6, 1833; S. H. Riddel, Tamworth, ordained June 27, 1827.

C. C. WATSON, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1,1870.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'm		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	S. V. McDuffee,	1869	S. S. 1870	45	54	99	33	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	1	110	$75.00
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20,1848	S. S. 1864	5	22	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	15 00
Claremont,	1770	Vacant,			61	193	254	51	6	12	18	2	8	0	10	3	10	225	127.00
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Cha's M. Palmer,	Dec. 8, 1868	S. S. 1871	22	42	64	12	6	1	7	5	2	0	7	0	0	85	30.00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant,			7	12	19	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	00.00
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant,			9	19	28	4	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	140	15 00
Langdon,	Jan. 6. 1820	Vacant,			6	17	23	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	53	20.00
Lempster, 1st church,	Nov. 13, 1781	J. LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, '36	S. S. 1871	19	30	49	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	00 00
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant,			7	11	18	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	40.00
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, 1868	May 6, 1868	58	67	125	51	6	0	6	3	5	0	8	5	4	88	190.00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,	Sep. 17, 1868	Sep. 17, 1868	83	166	249	11	4	3	7	3	3	0	6	3	1	260	1024 75
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant,			5	23	28	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	6 00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	H. H. Colburn,	May 19, 1869	S. S. 1871	3	17	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	20.00
					330	673	1003	211	25	16	41	25	20	0	45	13	16	1221	$1562.75

Churches, 13. Pastors, 2. Stated Supplies, 5. Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; E. W. Clark, Boston, ordained Jan. 1, 1850; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865. LICENTIATE, Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., licensed May 8, 1850. The Church in Goshen has been supplied half the time by Rev. John Bragdon, missionary. The Church in Langdon has been supplied by Rev. Seth Hinkley, missionary. The Church in Plainfield has been supplied during the summer by Rev. Jas. B. Tyler, missionary. The Churches in Croydon and Lempster (2d Ch.) have not been supplied.

G. R. W. SCOTT, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June 1, 1871.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
	Total.	Vac.	Pastors	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	26	7	10	9	4	23	1	715	1580	2295	420	120	37	157	50	33	1	84	70	20	3133	$4298.76
2. Coos,	8	3	2	3	0	5	0	135	373	508	83	19	9	28	12	11	0	23	16	5	723	1087.62
3. Grafton,	22	7	9	6	8	23	2	711	1406	2117	468	181	32	213	37	42	0	79	129	18	2397	3990.32
4. Hillsborough,	33	3	20	10	10	40	0	1512	3519	5031	853	88	109	197	89	99	8	196	52	51	6147	18113 50
5. Merrimack,	25	2	12	11	5	28	1	865	1856	2721	503	98	55	153	62	50	1	113	55	24	3091	6138 55
6. Rockingham,	33	8	14	11	4	29	0	986	2338	3324	486	92	52	144	64	45	2	111	66	35	3757	5704 85
7. Strafford,	31	16	7	8	9	24	0	602	1584	2186	483	55	25	80	40	35	3	78	46	21	2612	3418.63
8. Sullivan,	13	6	2	5	3	10	1	330	673	1003	211	25	16	41	25	20	0	45	13	16	1221	1562.75
Total,	191	52	76	63	43	182	5	5856	13329	19185	3507	678	335	1013	379	335	15	729	447	189	23081	44314 98

SUMMARY FOR 1861–1871.

Years.	Churches.		Ministers.					Church Members.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sab. Schools	Charitable Collections.
	Total.	Vac	Past'rs	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
1861	191	31	103	56	41	199	14	6,399	13,801	20,200	3,380	240	285	525	357	313	41	711	114	286	23,940	
1862	191	38	98	54	40	192	10	6,260	13,680	19,940	3,701	329	279	608	368	235	22	645	169	202	24,705	
1863	190	36	91	64	38	193	6	6,070	13,285	19,355	3,310	406	256	661	408	298	231	936	231	212	24,292	
1864	190	39	90	58	37	185	7	6,122	13,741	19,863	3,577	815	331	1146	478	287	25	790	455	213	23,783	
1865	188	49	79	58	40	177	5	6,057	13,961	20,018	3,448	873	331	1204	402	308	34	744	456	220	22,282	$44.757.00
1866	189	35	78	64	37	179	6	5,910	13,546	19,456	3,730	531	354	885	503	470	79	1052	340	222	23,702	$45,744.00
1867	188	42	72	73	42	187	4	5,826	13,576	19,402	3,544	600	302	902	387	488	30	896	354	177	23,943	$47.438.00
1868	192	38	74	75	42	191	7	5,749	13,304	19,053	3,673	494	411	905	408	558	174	1140	323	184	23,650	$35,171.00
1869	191	36	84	69	47	200	5	5,697	12,249	18,946	3,506	542	307	849	381	397	23	799	329	193	23,759	$40,745.00
1870	191	43	75	71	44	190	7	5,873	13,576	19,449	3,545	808	425	1233	357	407	13	777	472	214	23,742	$39,160.00
1871	191	52	76	63	43	182	5	5,856	13,329	19,185	3,507	678	335	1013	379	335	15	729	447	189	23,081	$44,314.98

SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATION.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	New-York,	Iowa.
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Methodist Conference,	Rhode-Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine. Missouri. Minnesota.
Harmony,	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode-Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention.
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode-Island, Iowa, Nebraska,	New-York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon.	Ohio. Indiana.
Hopkinton,	Rhode-Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota,	Mass. Association, Iowa, California,	Ohio, Michigan, Methodist Conference,	New-York. Illinois. Nebraska.
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada,		Vermont.
Monadnock,	New-York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Ohio, Michigan, Presbyterian Assembly, Methodist Conference.	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut. California. Canada.
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention.	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	Rhode-Island.
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention,	Presbyterian Assembly. Kansas. Oregon.
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois.	New-York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M.	Mass. Association.
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana,	Canada,	Methodist Conference.
Union,	Presbyterian Assembly,	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin. F. W. B. Y. M.
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Association.	Michigan.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Changes since the Publication of the Minutes of 1870.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1870. Oct. 16, John W. Lees, at Lee.
1871. April 20, Edward P. Eastman, at North Conway.
June 6, B. N. Stone, at Loudon.

PASTORS INSTALLED.

1870. Nov. 30, Samuel Bowker, at Raymond.
Dec. 14, E. W. Bullard, at Hampstead.
Dec. 15, James McLean, at Hampton.
Dec. 21, Henry A. Hazen, at Pittsfield.
1871. March 7, H. B. Underwood, at Hillsborough Bridge.
March 30, George E. Street, at Exeter, Second Church.
April 27, David Bremner, at Derry, First Church.
May 2, John L. Merrill, at Marlborough.
May 17, Alonzo B. Rich, D. D., at West Lebanon.
May 18, Harvey M. Stone, at Rochester.
May 25, Erastus M. Kellogg, at Lyme.
June 2, Swift Byington, at Exeter, First Church.
Aug. 2, Charles Tenney, at Chester.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

1870. Sept. 20, Erastus B. Claggett, from Lyndeborough.
Oct. 18, A. F. Marsh, from Rochester.
Dec. 19, Harvey M. Stone, from Laconia.
Dec. 20, Alvan Tobey, D. D., from Durham.
1871. Jan. 10, J. H. Edwards, from West Lebanon.
Feb. 14, Joseph Blake, from Gilmanton Center.
March 20, Charles M. Palmer, from Harrisville.

1871. March 30, John W. Chickering, from Exeter, Second Church.
April 19, Charles Burnham, from Meredith Village.
July 12, Samuel H. Riddel, from Tamworth.
July 17, C. C. Watson, from Dover, Belknap Church.
Aug. 16, A. C. Field, from Alstead Center.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1870. Sept. 9, Nathan Lord, D. D., at Hanover, aged 78.
Nov. 26, Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., at Concord, aged 68.
1871. April 9, Humphrey Moore, D. D., at Milford, aged 92.
April 9, Amos W. Burnham, D. D., at Keene, aged 79.
June 22, Dennis C. Frink, at New-Boston, aged 38.
August 16, John M. Putnam, at Elyria, Ohio, aged 77.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number of churches is 191, the same as last year. Returns have been obtained from all of them. The church in Chatham, which worships in connection with that of Stowe, Me., is, as formerly, reported in the minutes of Maine, though the church edifice, erected during the year, is in the town of Chatham.

MINISTERS. The number of pastors is 76, one more than last year. Stated supplies, 63; ministers without charge, 43. Of those without charge, 6 are President and Professors in Dartmouth College and teachers in Academies; 3 are agents of Benevolent Societies; 15 are quite aged, and some others are prevented by ill health from the work of the ministry. The total number of ministers is 9 less than the number of churches. 3 pastors have been ordained and installed during the year. 13 previously ordained ministers have been installed as pastors; 13 pastors have been dismissed, and 6 ministers have died. 158 ministers are connected with the Ministerial Associations of the State.

MEMBERS. The total membership of our churches is reported as 19,185. During the year 678 have been added on profes-

sion of faith, and 335 by letter. 44 churches report 5 or more additions by profession; 104 report one or more; 87 report none. The additions by profession during the year have been 299 more than the removals by death. The total admissions have exceeded the total removals by 284. Yet the total membership reported is 264 less than last year! Such discrepances, discreditable as they are to the accuracy of church records, are no new thing. Former statistical secretaries have faithfully called attention to them. Whoever compares the statistics of one year with those of the next, will find that these inconsistencies do not occur in the reports of feeble churches alone, but of the stronger ones also. Cheshire Conference reports 13 members less than should be the case if the returns of last year were correct; Coos, 4 more; Grafton, 87 less; Hillsborough, 125 less; Merrimack, 51 less; Rockingham, 105 less; Strafford, 145 less; Sullivan, 50 less. It would be well if the statistical secretaries of the conferences, where there are discrepancies in the reports of churches, would inquire into the *causes*. There can be no *justifiable* cause; for however members are removed, a report of it should be given. This is not a trivial matter, but one where laxity is injurious to the spiritual welfare of the churches. We earnestly urge,—though it would seem superfluous, did not facts prove the contrary,—that every church have one or more *accurate lists* of its members, and carefully *revise* them *once a year*. As often as once a year, also, the cases of *absent* members should be considered, and effort made to induce them to transfer their membership to the churches with which they worship.

A table is given this year presenting the membership and other statistics of the churches for years past.

Baptisms. The number of infant baptisms has been 189; of adult, 447. One or more infant baptisms have occurred in 79 churches; none in 120 churches.

Charitable Contributions. The amount reported is $44,314.98, which is $5,154.51 more than in the previous year. Eighty-eight churches report *no* charitable gifts. Undoubtedly in many of these churches individuals have given to benevolent objects, but it is wrong that there is no *system*,—and it is be-

yond question that in many cases *nothing* is contributed for the spread of the gospel. The failure to give, in many feeble churches, illustrates, it is to be feared, the failure to make Christian effort in any direction. To the members of these feeble churches we say earnestly, and with remembrance of the difficulties under which they labor, Brethren and sisters, the principal thing, under God, which is needed, that your churches may become strong, is, that you all become *personally active* as disciples of Christ, in giving, in sustaining Sabbath schools, in seeking the conversion of men, in striving to have the Christian graces in exercise in your own hearts and lives. Do we not believe,—and shall we not ask of God to increase our faith,—that the gospel is, always and every where, the power of God unto salvation? And can we not so much more fully receive, and so much more faithfully use, that gospel, that the Lord will comfort all the waste places of our beloved Zion,—will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord?

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,
Statistical Secretary.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the Conference and Association in which each name occurs in the statistics.

Abbott, Amos, Nashua. 4.
Abbott, E. E. P., Meriden. 8. X.
Abbott, E. F., Westmoreland.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4. IV.
Adams, Geo. M., Portsmouth. 6. IX.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 4.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Alvord, Frederick, Nashua. 4. IV.
Angier, L. H., Litchfield. 4.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5. V.
Bard, Geo. I., Dunbarton. 5. V.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7. III.
Bartlett, Joseph, So. Newmarket. 6. IX.
Barstow, Zedekiah, S., D. D., Keene. 1. VII.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1. VII.
Benson, Almon, Center-Harbor. 7. I.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4. II.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4. XII.
Bixby, Solomon, Kingston. 6. IX.
Black, James S., Nashua. 4. IV.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmant'n I. W'ks. 7. XI.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 7. I.
Blake, S. L. Concord. 5. V.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3. I.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 4.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Bowker, Samuel, Raymond. 6. IX.
Bradford, Samuel B., Francestown. 4.
Bremner, David, Derry. 6.
Brigham, Levi, Troy. 1. VII.
Bullard, E. W., Hampstead. 6.
Burbank, J. E., Nelson. 1. VII.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5. II.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5. V.
Byington, Swift, Exeter. 6.
Campbell, O. H., Merrimack. 4.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7. XI.
Carter, Clark, Great Falls. 7. IX.
Carter, N. F., Orfordville. 3. VIII.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1. VII.
Catlin, B. R., Meriden. 8. X.
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6. XI.
Claggett, Erastus B., Nashua. 4. XII.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8. X.
Clark, Frank G., Manchester. 4.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3. I.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4. IV.
Cochrane, W. R., Antrim. 4. XII.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood, 6. XI.
Conant, Liba, Orford. 3. I.
Colburn, H. H., Washington. 8. VII.
Cook, Jonathan B., Salisbury. 5. V.
Curtice, Corban, Boscawen. 5. V.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6. IX.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6. IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4. IV.
Dickinson, William E., Walpole. 1. VII.
Doldt, James, Canterbury, 5. III.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3. X.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
Dustan, George, Peterborough. 4. XII.
Eastman, E. P., North Conway. 7.
Eldredge, E. D., Kensington. 6. IX.
Emerson, Tho's A., Wolfeborough. 7.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2. VI.
Fawcett, J., Sullivan. 1.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1. VII.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5. V.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4. IV.
Fowler, Tho's L., Westmoreland. 1.
Freeman, George E., Milford. 4. IV.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6. IX.
Gates, M. A., Salem. 6. II.
Gay, Joshua S., Auburn.
Gerould, Moses, Concord. 5.
Gerould, Samuel L., Goffstown. 4. II.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4. IV.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4. IV.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5. XI.
Greeley, E. H., Haverhill. 3. VIII.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3. I.
Haines, T. V., No. Hampton. 6. IX. III.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Milton. 7. IX.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7. VII.
Hartshorne, V. J., Enfield. 3. XIII.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7. IX.
Hazen, H. A., Pittsfield, 5. XI.
Hibbard, D. S., Wentworth. 3.
Holmes, James, Bennington. 4.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4. XII.
House, William, Londonderry. 6. II.

B., East Concord. 5.
Charles L., Merrimack. 4. II.
a, Henry S. Warner, 5. V.
V. C., Brentwood. 6.
Thomas, Greenland. 6.
Edwin, Winchester. 1.
m. R., Fisherville. 5. V.
. S., Keene. 1. VII.
.h H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 4. IV.
Crastus M., Lyme. 3. II.
lenry A., East Concord. 5. V.
Silas, Bristol. 3. V.
Reuben, North Conway. 7. III.
V. S., Farmington. 7. IX.
F. B., Orford. 1.
ies, Hollis. 4. IV.
oseph, Windham. 6. II.
es, Meredith Village. 6. I.
eph A., Keene, 1. VII.
, John, Lempster. 8. V.
el, New-Ipswich. 4.
uel P., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
., Lee. 7. IX.
les, Marlborough. 1. VII.
, Bath. 3. VIII.
Abel, Goffstown. 4.
. L., Piermont. 3. VIII.
S. V., Acworth. 8.
nathan, Nashua. 4. IV.
ames, Hampton. 6. IX.
Geo. F., Mason Village. 4. IV.
hn L., Marlborough. 1. VII.
lah, Salmon Falls. 7. IX.
ha's E., Littleton. 2. VIII.
ward, East Andover. 5. V.
S., Gilmanton I. W'ks. 7. XI.
S., Henniker. 5. V.
hn F., Fitzwilliam. 1. VII.
iel J., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
T., Exeter. 6. IX.
ha's, New Alstead. 1.
b F., Milton Mills. 7.
, Atkinson. 6. II.
arles M., Cornish. 8. VII.
ison, G., Hancock. 4.
nry E., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Royal, Temple. 4. IV.
enj. F., Derry. 6. II.
benezer G., Derry. 6. II.
S. H., Greenfield. 4. IX.
lbert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Charles, Epsom. 5. XI.
id, Hollis. 4. IV.
unis, Rindge. 1.
dore O., Tilton. 5. II.

Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Rand, Wm. A., South Seabrook. 6.
Ray, Benjamin F., New-Ipswich. 4. IV.
Rich, A. B., D. D., West Lebanon. 3.
Richards, A., D. D., Francestown. 4. IV.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 3. I.
Rickett, J. H., Stoddard. 1. VII.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts, Thomas E., Keene. 1. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6. IX.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3. XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. I.
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 4. IV.
Savage, Wm. T., D. D., Franklin. 5. V.
Sawyer, Daniel, Hopkinton. 5.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3. X.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 3. X.
Seccombe, Charles, Francestown. 4.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 3. XIII.
Smith, F. P., North Wolfeborough. 7.
Smith, George, Lyndeborough. 4. V.
Southgate, Robert, Orford. 3.
Spalding, George B., Dover. 7. IX.
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 3.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6. IX.
Stone, B. N., Loudon. 5. XI.
Stone, Harvey M., Rochester. 7. I.
Street, George E. Exeter, 6. IX.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Tenney, Charles, Chester. 6.
Terry, Calvin, Plaistow. 6.
Tewksbury, Geo. F., Gorham. 2.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6. IX.
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., Wakefield. 7. IX.
Tobey, J. C., Center-Harbor. 7.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5. V. XII.
Tucker, Wm. J., Manchester. 4. II.
Tyson, Ira C., Bedford. 4.
Underwood, H. B., Hillsboro' Bridge. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, C. W., D. D., Manchester, 4. II.
Watson, C. C., Dover. 7. IX.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6. IX.
White, Lyman, Pembroke. 5.
Willey, Charles, Swanzey. 1. VII.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5. V.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1. VII. III.
Wood, John, Wolfeborough. 7. III.
Young, John K., D. D., Hopkinton. 5. I.

SEVENTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT ROCHESTER,

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the Secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

As revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry? *
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source, and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the

* The answer to this question should include bank, railroad, United States, and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of its ratable property, that is, $12.50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will coöperate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1¼ per cent on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent to one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required: namely,

1. What the number of ratable polls; also, families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members—male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1—by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms—infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year—by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New-York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Application may be made to the treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of *The Home Missionary* for New-Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventieth annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held at Rochester, August 24, 1871. Hon. L. D. Stevens, Vice-President, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Tenney, of Chester.

The Treasurer, Hon. L. D. Stevens, read his annual report. which, having been audited, was adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, D. D., when Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., of Hopkinton, moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees, with an address, seconded by Rev. H. B. Hooker, D. D., Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. An address was also made by Rev. Wm. D. Thomas, of North Groton.

The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*
Hon. J. E. Sargent, Concord, *Vice-President.*
Rev. William Clark, D. D., Amherst, *Secretary.*
Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, *Treasurer.*
John Kimball, Esq., and Wm. W. Storrs, Concord, *Auditors.*

Trustees elected in 1871.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord,
Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton,
Dea. Almon Harris, Harrisville.

Trustees elected in 1870.

Rev. Alvan Tobey, D. D., Durham,
Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton,
Hon. J. W. Noyes, Chester.

Trustees elected in 1869.

Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville,
Rev. E. G. Parsons, Derry,
Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held at Rochester, Aug. 24, 1871, the following members of the Board were appointed Executive Committee for the year ensuing: namely,

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord,
Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord,
Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Fisherville,
Rev. J. K. YOUNG, D. D., Hopkinton,
Rev. WILLIAM CLARK, D. D., Amherst.

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

Three-score and ten years have run their round since the organization of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. The worthy founders have all passed off the stage, and most of their successors of the generation following them. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them." What works of beneficence and moral glory! As the result of their labors, in part, more than one hundred and twenty churches in our State have enjoyed the unspeakable blessings of a faithful Christian ministry: more than fifty of which have become self-sustaining; nearly that number are still in the enjoyment of such blessings through the aid of the Society. In the thirty that have become extinct, or virtually so, multitudes were trained for heaven, and are now with Christ, in glory. In the train of heavenly influences created and disseminated by these churches, have followed education, intelligence, Christian morals, benevolence, good order, domestic happiness, patriotism; all that elevates, refines, adorns, and gives valuable character to society. "Though dead," the excellent men and women who formed, prayed for, and sustained, by their benefactions, our Missionary Society, "yet speak," in the inestimable blessings it has conferred and will yet confer on numerous communities in our State.

Among the departed friends, patrons and officers of the Society, we are pained to record the name of our late Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., who died within the year now reported. It may, perhaps, be said with truth, no one man, during the entire existence of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, did more to promote its interests, or to give it efficiency, than Dr. Stone. His more than twenty annual reports as Secretary, ably drawn up, are a store house of principles and facts which will be of great service to the cause in coming generations. For many years Treasurer, and a Trustee of the Society, as well

as Secretary for a still longer period, and having accurate acquaintance with all parts of the State, with its ministers and churches; its destitutions and its religious necessities, his judgment as to the course to be pursued, and steps to be taken, for the promotion of the Home Missionary cause, was invaluable. His brethren of the Board of Officers and Trustees rarely had occasion to dissent from his opinions or advice. Great service to the many feeble churches in our State, and to the cause of Home Missions in our great country, did Rev. Dr. Stone render for more than thirty years of prayerful, earnest, judicious labors. Strong is his claim on the respect and gratitude of the mission churches of our State, and of the friends and patrons of Home Missions, wherever his long continued labors for their promotion is known.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Forty-nine missionaries have been in commission within the year now reported; nineteen during the entire year; thirty for periods varying from nine to one month; time of the service of the whole being 24½ years. Amount of appropriations $5,914 in aid of 37 churches; an average to each of nearly $160.

Average attendance on public worship in 31 congregations reported, 2612; to each an average of 84¼.

Hopeful conversions in 21 churches, 109.

Members in 32 churches reported, 1205, of whom 257 are males.

Additions to 20 churches, 90; by profession, 65; by letter, 25.

Removals from 24 churches, 57; by death, 27; by dismission, 29; exclusion, 1.

Baptisms in 14 churches, 47; of which, infant, 11, adult, 36.

Scholars in 32 Sabbath Schools, 1965; an average to each school of 61½, nearly.

Contributions, in 23 churches, to Home Missions, $386.36; in 21 churches, to all other benevolent objects, $490.98; total, $877.34.

Several items in the foregoing analysis are instructive, among them, those of baptisms and contributions to Christian objects. Baptisms are reported in only 14 churches, 47 in all; of these

but 11 are infant, 36 adult. The paucity of infant baptisms is to be attributed to two causes: 1st, that in our mission churches there are but very few young families—of course, but few young children; 2d, that infant baptism is greatly neglected, this not only in our feeble, but in our Congregational churches generally; a deplorable fact, for where professedly religious parents, in our churches, neglect this covenant duty to their infant offspring, it is to be feared they sadly neglect effort to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

But 23 of the 37 churches, aided the past year, report any contributions to the N. H. Missionary Society. Fourteen churches receiving, on an average $160 each, from our Treasury, in support of their religious institutions, returned nothing into it during the year now reported. Several of these delinquent churches seldom contribute any thing to our funds; when all must understand that our Missionary Society *requires* that every church, soliciting its aid in support of preaching, should make an annual contribution to its treasury. No church can prosper, can gain moral strength, can be extensively useful to the community around it, that does not *give*, as well as receive. Such churches will remain feeble every way, and are in great danger of extinction. Would that they better understood the means of receiving the blessing of God, and of becoming strong and useful.

Church organization revived. The church in Newington, formed in 1715, twice reduced to a membership of only two, those females, was resuscitated by Council, Sept. 7, 1870. Fourteen were added at the time, to the two remaining members, making 16; one has since been added. This the result, under God, of faithful, earnest missionary labor for some fifteen years last passed.

Church edifices built and repaired. The first edifice of the kind ever built in Chatham was erected and dedicated by the united Congregational Church of Chatham and Stowe, Me., May 25, 1871.

Meeting-houses have been repaired the past year at North Conway, Effingham, Deering, Goshen, Merrimack South, South Newmarket, Meredith Village.

Revivals of much interest have been reported in New Alstead

and Brookline, fruits of which, in both places, are sixty-two hopeful conversions.

More than usual religious interest has existed in several other churches; among them, in North Wolfeborough, under the labors of our student missionary, from Princeton, N. J., Mr. B. C. Henry.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account,		$3,379.42
Receipts within the year,		$9,507.88
Of which for American Home Missionary Society,		
In donations,	$567.53	
In legacies,	50.00	
		$617.53
Leaving for New-Hampshire Missionary Society,		$8,890.35
Of this sum were legacies,	$3,119.78	
Income from permanent fund,	152.83	
Interest on note,	3.02	
		$3,275.63
Leaving from donations,		$5,614.72
Deduct donations from Cent Societies, including income from Memorial Fund of $256.80,		$2,564.14
Leaving donations from churches,		$3,050.58
Sent directly from churches, not passing through our treasury:		
In legacies,	$4,514.50	
In donations,	578.41	
		$5,092.91
Whole amount raised in the State, —$5,001.87 more than was raised in 1870.		$14,600.79
Resources for the year,		$12,887.30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Whole amount of disbursements, during the year,	$7,258.19
In the treasury, at the close of the year,	5,629.11
	$12,887.30

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CENT INSTITUTION.

This Institution, formed in 1805, when its receipts were $5, has made annual donations to our Missionary Society. Since that date—a period of 66 years—amounting in the aggregate to $77,393.15, an average of $1,192.62 per year. In 1856, when the present Secretary commenced his labors for the N. H. Missionary Society, the receipts from the Cent Institution were $1,479.69. In the year now reported, they were $2,564.14, an increase of $1,084.54 over those of that year. He has made constant effort to increase the number of contributors to this Institution, not without encouraging results. About two fifths of the annual receipts of our N. H. Missionary Society come from the Cent Societies in the State, of which there are about 110, nearly all of which contribute annually. The friends of home missions in our State are greatly indebted to the at least 4500 Christian sisters in our churches, who contribute at the rate of one cent per week to our cause. We render them our grateful thanks. Their example has prompted their Christian sisters in Maine and Vermont to adopt their practice. They are acting not only directly in aid of home missions within our State, but extensively, indirectly, far beyond its limits.

THE MEMORIAL FUND.

The creation of this Fund was suggested by the Secretary and Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Cent Institution, Mrs. B. P. Stone, Concord, in her report of 1864. The suggestion was that the founders and early members of the Cent Institution, now all deceased, should be constituted Members of the *Memorial Fund*, by the payment of $10, by their surviving relatives and friends; also, that persons living, should constitute themselves members by the payment of that sum; the Fund to be safely invested, the annual income of which should be paid into the treasury of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. The suggestion was favorably received, not only by members of Cent Societies, but by others, gentlemen as well as ladies. In 1865, one year after the suggestion, 18 females, most of them deceased, were made members of the Fund by surviving rela-

tives paying $10 for each. The present number of Members of the Fund is 514. The Fund amounts to $5,140, and is well invested, the interest of which, during the year just closed, was $256.80. The endeavors of your Secretary to keep this Fund constantly before our churches through the pulpit, the press, by letter, and personal conversation, have not been in vain.

TABULAR VIEW.

Details that can be exhibited in a compact form may be seen in the following general table, showing in parallel columns:

1. An alphabetical list of churches aided, and the names of missionaries.
2. Dates of commission.
3. Length of commission in months.
4. Amount of aid pledged for service named in preceding column.
5. Months of labor performed since last report.
6. Average congregations.
7. Hopeful conversions.
8. Number of church members.
9. Number of additions.
10. Number of dismissals.
11. Number of baptisms.
12. Number of Sabbath school scholars.
13. Contributions to home missions.
14. Contributions to other objects.
15. Total contributions.

TABULAR VIEW.

	CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor performed.	Average Congregation.	Hopeful Conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.			Baptisms.			Sab. Sch. Scholars.	Contributions.		
								Male.	Female.	Total.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Mis'ns.	Other objects.	Total.
1.	Alstead—Rev. F. B. Knowlton,	April 1, 1871	12	150.00	7	87	3	6	21	27	3	0	3					0	3	3	82			
2.	Alstead, New—Rev. C. Packard,	Jan. 1, 1871	12	150.00	7	90	32	34	49	83	19	2	21	6	3	0	3	0	9	9	85	$9.10	$66.50	$75.60
3.	Alton—Mr. J. H. Miller,	May 1, 1870	4	67.00	1	50	2	6	20	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	30	6.75		6.75
	Mr. F. M. May,	March 1, 1871	1	32.00	1																			
	Mr. J. M. Seymour,	July 1, 1871	3	45.00	2																			
4.	Andover—Rev. H. Moody,	Jan. 1, 1871	12	200.00	12	75	6	9	21	30	1	0	1					1	1	2	50	27.86	12.00	39.86
5.	Brookline—Rev. F. D. Sargent,	Sept. 1, 1870	12	150.00	12	136	30	28	44	72	9	4	13	1	3	0	4	0	6	6	170	35.20	35.16	70.36
6.	Center-Harbor—Rev. J. H. Bliss,	Nov. 1, 1869	12	200.00	12																			
	Mr. J. F. Tobey,	July 1, 1871	12	200.00	2																			
7.	Charlestown—Rev. H. H. Sanderson,	Oct. 13, 1870	12	200.00	12	60	3	5	22	27	0	0	0								55	15.00		15.00
8.	Chatham—Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 22, 1871	12	200.00	12	75		19	30	49											85		20.00	20.00
9.	Conway—Rev. J. S. Glendenning,	May, 1870	4	67.00	1	140	2	5	16	21	9	0	9	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	60	2.50	15.00	17.50
	Rev. E. P. Eastman,	Mar. 1, 1871	12	150.00																				
10.	Conway, No. & vicinity—Rev. R. Kimball,	May 1, 1870	6	128.00	6																			
11.	Danbury—Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1870	12	150.00	12	75	0	28	37	65	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	1	0	1	75	16.45	11.00	27.45
12.	Deering—Rev. M. Holman,	July 1, 1870	12	225.00	12	75	1	8	31	39	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	6	70	18.28		18.28
13.	Dover, Belknap Ch.—Rev. C. C. Watson,	June 1, 1870	12	200.00	12	125	2	11	56	67	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	120	26.00	155.00	181.00
14.	Effingham—Rev. R. Kimball,*	May 1, 1870																						
15.	Enfield—Rev. V. I. Hartshorne,	May 20, 1871	12	200.00	12	75	2	4	30	34	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	43	2.50	18.50	21.00
16.	Gorham—Rev. G. F. Tewksbury,	Sept. 1, 1870	12	250.00	12	75	0	6	34	40	1	1	2	2	0	0	2				65	10.00	20.50	30.50
17.	Goshen—Mr. S. A. Webster,	May 1, 1870	4	67.00	1	110	2	9	18	27	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	140	5.00	10.00	15.00
	Rev. J. Bragdon,	May 1, 1871	12	200.00	11½																			
18.	Groton—Mr. W. D. Thomas,	May 1, 1871	4	64.00	4	60		10	15	25	0	1	1								50	3.00	12.00	15.00
19.	Kensington—Rev. E. D. Eldredge,	Jan. 1, 1871	12	200.00	12	110	1	11	39	40	0	2	2	0	3	0	3				90	30.00	80.00	110.00
20.	Kingston—Rev. S. Bixby,	Feb. 1, 1871	12	150.00	12	35	4	9	37	46	5	0	5	1	1	1	3	2	5	7	80	32.50	68.33	100.83
21.	Langdon—Mr. Wm. H. Cobb,	May 1, 1870	4	67.00	1																			
22.	Lempster—Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1871	12	150.00	4	60	0	19	30	49	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	55	14.00		14.00
23.	Merrimack, South—Mr. C. M. DesIslets,	May 1, 1870	4	67.00	1	65	1	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	40	12.00	2.00	14.00
	Mr. D. K. Campbell,	May 1, 1871	4	68.00	3																			

24.	Meredith Village—Rev. C. Burnham,	Dec.	1, 1869	12	75.00	12	135	3	18	40	58	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	80	50.12	12.25	62.37
25.	Milton Mills—Rev. C. F. Page,	Sept.	1, 1869	12	187.00	1																			
26.	Newmarket, South—Rev. J. Bartlett,	Dec.	1, 1870	12	200.00	12	70	1	3	8	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	50		24.25	24.25
27.	Newington—Rev. F. Davis,	Nov.	1, 1870	12	150.00	12	125	6	3	14	17	5	10	15	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	60	19.50	6.00	25.50
28.	Ossipee Center— { Rev. D. S. Hibbard, / Mr. J. Sewall,	Nov.	22, 1870	12	100.00	3	60	0	19	41	60	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	35			
		June	25, 1871	3	45.00	2																			
29.	Plainfield— { Mr. J. W. Boal, / Mr. J. B. Tyler,	May	1, 1870	4	67.00	1	40	2	5	23	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	40		5.00	5.00
		June	1, 1871	3	45.00	2½																			
30.	Roxbury—Rev. H. H. Colburn,	April	2, 1870	12	150.00	12	48		5	12	17	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	35	12.00	10.00	22.00
31.	Seabrook, South—Rev. Wm. A. Rand,	Aug.	1, 1870	12	250.00	12	150	0	16	12	28											150			
32.	Shelburne—Mr. J. R. Atkins,	July	15, 1870	3	32.00	1	1																		
33.	Stoddard—Rev. J. W. Rickett,	July	30, 1870	12	200.00	12	50	0	11	31	42	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	50	18.00		18.00
34.	Washington— { Rev. Wm. Claggett, / Rev. H. H. Colburn,	May	1, 1870	12	200.00	1	8	0	3	17	20	0	0	0								50		20.00	20.00
		April	16, 1871	12	200.00	4																			
35.	Wentworth—Rev. D. S. Hibbard,	Jan.	1, 1871	12	200.00	7	56	0	14	32	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	15.00	20.00	35.00
36.	Wilmot—Rev. C. Tracy,	Jan.	1, 1871	12	150.00	12	80	0	19	30	49	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	23.60	41.00	64.60
37.	Wolfeboro', North— { Mr. J. R. Russell, / Mr. B. C. Henry,	May	1, 1870	4	67.00	1	90	3	2	10	12	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	40	5.00		5.00
		May	1, 1870	4	128.00	3½																			
38.	W'st Stewartstown— { Mr. C. W. Drake, / Rev. Monroe Allen,	May	1, 1870	4	67.00	1	80	0	5	21	26	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	0	2	2	40			
		April	1, 1870	6	96.00	3																			

*See North Conway and vicinity.

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. Alstead.—Rev. Mr. Knowlton, having labored here very faithfully and acceptably to the church and people four years and a half, has felt it his duty to accept a call to the church in Orford, and left July 1, with many regrets, as he had acquired a deep interest in and for the feeble church in Alstead, surrounded by an infidel community, and afflicted by the conduct of one of its officers in keeping an establishment highly injurious to the morals of the people—especially of young men and youth. Sad, indeed, that a feeble church should be kept in a condition of weakness and inefficiency by the unchristian business of those who profess to represent Christ. The church and society here have made the present season important repairs in their meeting house, have added to the Sabbath school library books to the value of $50. Three additions to the church by profession. This is a hard though important field, and should continue to be cultivated. An immediate successor to Mr. Knowlton is desired.

2. Alstead, New.—Rev. C. Packard, from Maine, commenced his services here with the first of the year, on which the Divine blessing has largely rested, as evinced by a cheering revival of religion, commencing with the week of prayer. Mr. P. writes, "Scarcely a week or even a day passes, as I look back on that work, when I do not feel to exclaim, 'how precious that work.' Such a change has it wrought in families, in the church, and in the community! Its fruits abide and prove its genuineness. The spirit of it is still with us. Our prayer meetings are fully attended. Attendance on public worship on the Sabbath is gradually increasing. The parish this spring have painted, blinded, and otherwise improved the parsonage. One of the young men, a subject of the revival, now recites to me in Latin, purposing to prepare for College. Nineteen have thus far been received to the church by profession; three more are propounded for admission; others will probably come forward ere long. Of those admitted, seven are heads of families. Of the converts some are young men. Ages of those received to the church vary from 12 years to 50 or more."

3. Alton.—As in some former years, this church, in the last

year, has had preaching most of the time, but by temporary supplies only — Students from Princeton and Andover Theological Seminaries. The present supply is Mr. J. M. Seymour, from the Institution last named, who writes, "There has been an increase of interest in the meetings during the last three months; two interesting hopeful conversions." The church continues small in numbers—only six males and twenty females —and in means. It is to be commended for its perseverance and determination to maintain the public ordinances of the gospel under many and great discouragements. Encouragement it has from members of the religious society connected with it, who show it sympathy and render it important pecuniary support.

4. Andover.—Our missionary here has preached the year past in the afternoon of the Sabbath at the "Center," some four miles from East Andover, where his morning services have been performed. For satisfactory reasons this arrangement has terminated. Mr. Moody now confines his labors pretty much to the East Village and vicinity. His connection with our Missionary Society closed July 1, in consequence of the Franklin Street Church, Manchester, having adopted this church as its beneficiary, and assumed the support of its ministers in part; the arrangement is understood to be permanent, so long as may be necessary. The missionary reports "considerable religious interest during the winter;" amoung the fruits of which were six hopeful conversions. The Merrimack County Conference held its last meeting with this church, which Mr. M. states "made a very favorable impression on our community." "Many thanks to you and to the trustees of the N. H. Missionary Society for all your kindness to us. I surrender my commission from this date."

5. Brookline.—This church had a gracious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord during the past winter and spring, resulting not only in the quickening of its members, but in the hopeful conversion of at least thirty persons, nine of whom have publicly professed their faith in Christ. Present membership, 28 males and 44 females. The Sabbath School contains 170 teachers and scholars. This church and society are now in a very healthful condition, owing, under God, in no

small degree, to the earnest, prayerful, and wise labors of their young pastor, Rev. J. D. Sargent.

6. *Center-Harbor.*—Rev. J. H. Bliss closed his labors here in November. Since then, till July 1, only irregular preaching was had. The church has called Mr. J. T. Tobey, of Boston, graduate in the last class of the Theological Seminary, Hartford, Ct., who is understood to have commenced his ministerial services here at the date above named. The Church and Society are building a parsonage. Owing to large resort in summer to this place, of pleasure seekers, it is an important missionary station, and should be maintained.

7. *Charlestown.*—Our missionary has continued his labors in this hard field nearly seven years, under many great discouragements. He states: "I know of no other place where there is such an array of obstacles against evangelical influences. Among them are, 1st, A rejection of the Bible as the Word of God, by a large body of the people; 2d, Courses of life growing out of this rejection, such as Sabbath desecration, intemperance, profaneness, and other kindred vices, which I have witnessed in no other place to so great an extent; 3d, Determination on the part of a great number of the people not to put themselves under the means of grace; 4th, The profaneness and ridicule by which those who do put themselves under evangelical influences are frequently assailed. But with all these obstacles in the way, I have never felt that, as a Christian minister, I ought to be discouraged, and have, therefore, thus long remained at my post. My congregations are quite regular in their attendance, and seem to listen very attentively to my ministrations."

8. *Chatham.*—"The great event with us the past year," reports our missionary, "has been the erection of a house of worship, at a cost of $3,400, including bell, but not furnishing." Your Secretary, by special request, preached the dedication sermon, May 25th, to a large assembly, composed not only of the people of the town, but of the adjoining town of Stowe, and other neighboring towns in Maine. The house has been built, with aid from the American Congregational Union, by the "Congregational Church of Chatham and Stowe," the first

and only meeting-house ever erected in Chatham. Its erection has cost the little feeble church much thought, anxiety, effort, and pecuniary sacrifice; but God has smiled on their persevering labors, and they now greatly rejoice in the enjoyment of a neat, convenient, pleasant sanctuary. Our missionary, Rev. E. B. Pike, is sustained in part by the *Maine Missionary Society*, as a portion of the church reside in that State. He preaches on alternate Sabbath evenings—after preaching twice and attending the Sabbath School at the Center—at "South Chatham," some five miles distant. He is very laborious.

9. *Conway.*—Rev. Edward Payson Eastman, graduate of Bangor Seminary, has been settled over this church within the year. The church worships in two meeting-houses, one at North Conway, the other at Conway Center—four miles apart. Mr. E. preaches in both each Sabbath; at the North, where he resides, in the forenoon; at the Corner in the afternoon. He states: "We had some religious interest in the spring. Six persons united with the church the first Sabbath in July." He adds: "The faithful labors of Rev. Mr. Kimball, in this town, during the past twelve or fourteen years, have been the means of great good; the seed then sown is now springing up in our midst. There is much activity among other denominations in this region, and more interest among the people, as a whole, than for a long time." Conway is a very important missionary field, as it is the resort and the temporary home, in the season of summer travel, of multitudes of strangers, many of whom desire the privileges of the sanctuary on the Sabbath, and for that some contribute to their support. Mr. Eastman is highly esteemed by the people of Conway, his native town, and promises to be greatly useful.

10. Conway, North, and vicinity.—Rev. Reuben Kimball, for some fourteen years our faithful missionary at Conway, fulfilled a commission of six months in Carroll county, laboring most of the time in Effingham, where he was successful in stimulating the feeble church to make important repairs in their meeting-house. Great destitutions exist in that county. Were it practicable, it would be well to employ permanently a missionary to labor among its population, extensively destitute of the public means of grace.

11. Danbury.—Rev. J. LeBosquet, our faithful missionary here for five years, closed his labors with the church at the close of April, and is now in our service at Lempster. Serious difficulties in the church at Danbury, a great hindrance to his usefulness, caused his leaving that field, which is now destitute. Its prospect of increase of pecuniary strength and moral power is not encouraging.

12. Deering.—Our missionary here continues to labor amid both encouragements and discouragements. Within the year the church and society have made important repairs on their church edifice at the expense of some $500. They have raised $40 to increase their Sabbath School library, making $80 expended for this purpose during the two last years. Mr. Holman states: "Ours is the only meeting in town, and myself the only minister, yet only from 80 to 100, in a population of 722, attend my ministrations."

13. Dover, Belknap Church.—Rev. C. C. Watson has closed his ministry here, the duties of which have been performed under many discouragements. One of the Committee of the church writes to the Secretary: "We are about to pause for a little while, and are carefully considering the question whether we can further maintain public worship or not. There is great reluctance to abandoning the enterprise, but there is considerable difficulty in going forward, for want of men and means: men are wanted more than means, though the latter are sufficiently scanty. I do not know what the upshot of our deliberations may be, but pray that it may be in accordance with the will of the Head of the church."

14. Effingham.—After Rev. Reuben Kimball closed his mission here, proposition was made to the church to send them a student for four months from Princeton Theological Seminary, on condition the church would board him and pay him four dollars per week, our missionary society pledging a like sum weekly, but the proposition was declined. This church is near to extinction.

15. Enfield.—Mr. Hartshorn has preached one fourth of the time for six months of the past year at Enfield Center, six miles from North Enfield, where his services have been mainly per-

formed for several past years. The church remains small—only four male members; thirty female. Public worship still had in a hall, through felt inability to erect a church edifice. Till they have such they can not acquire much increase of strength. Mr. Hartshorn's ministrations continue very acceptable to his employers.

16. Gorham.—This is very important missionary ground—the seat of the work shops of the Grand Trunk Railroad from Portland, Me., to Montreal,—and a place of large summer resort of travelers to the White Mountains. Population of the town, 1161. In it is a Methodist church, as also a Congregational. Average congregation, 75. Male members of the last named church but 6; female, 34. One addition by profession and one by letter. Members of Sabbath School, 65. Our missionary here continues his labors in faith and hope amid many obstacles.

17. Goshen.—Mr. S. A. Webster, of the Princeton Seminary, closed his labors here September 1st. On the 15th of the same month, Mr. John Bragdon, from the Bangor, Me., Seminary, was commissioned to succeed him, and still remains in the field, working hard and successfully, much to the acceptance of the people generally. Members of the Baptist church unite with the Congregationalists in his support, attending on his ministry. Out of a population of 507 in the town, Mr. B. has an average congregation of 110. Through his influence his church and society are repairing their church edifice at an expense of about $700. He is doing much to promote temperance, especially among the children and youth.

18. Groton.—Mr. Wm. D. Thomas, member of the Princeton Theological Seminary, N. J., commenced a mission here for four months May 1st, and is prosecuting it with great assiduity and acceptance to the people generally. Some four denominations attend his ministry, and contribute to his support. He preaches thrice on the Sabbath; twice at North Groton, a third time in a school-house near South Groton; visits much through the week over the town for religious purposes—calling on all families, without distinction, which receive him kindly. The Secretary passed a Sabbath at Groton, in July, preaching and administering the Lord's Supper. He was highly gratified to learn the

respect, estimation, and love, cherished by the people toward him. Mr. Thomas says: "We have prevailed on some to attend our meetings who have not entered the house of God for the past eleven years. Others that have absented themselves for four years. Still, coming to church is not 'coming to Christ,' and this we lament much. It is our conviction that the 'Cross' will draw wandering hearts to the Redeemer."

19. Kensington.—Our faithful missionary reports: "Our people have painted their church at an expense of some $70. Ours is the only church in town which has regular preaching through the year, and we believe its influence is felt in the town and neighborhood in advancing the cause of temperance, preventing profaneness and Sabbath-breaking, and inducing a higher and better state of morals. We believe the Church and Society command the respect of all classes." The pastor adds: "We have one son preparing for the ministry, expecting to graduate at Amherst College in a few days. Another son is at the Agricultural College, in Hanover, who professes piety, and we hope will eventually enter the ministry."

20. Kingston.—This town contains a population of 1040, of whom an average of 85 attend the ministrations of our missionary. A Methodist Society in the place draws, perhaps, as many to its house of worship. Some hopeful conversions are reported; five additions to the church by profession; two infant baptisms, five adult. Number in the Sabbath school, 80. We are expecting a young man and his wife to connect themselves with the church the first Sabbath in July.

21. Langdon.—Mr. W. H. Cobb, from Princeton Seminary, was laboring here at our last anniversary. On his departure the church employed Mr. Hinkley, a minister of the Christian Baptist order, a good man and instructive preacher, who serves the church and people for the use of the parsonage and what means they can raise among themselves.

22. Lempster.—Rev. J. LeBosquet, for five years last past our missionary in Danbury, commenced his services here May 1st. This church and society, independent for nearly 100 years, has become, by deaths and removals, greatly reduced. Belonging to the congregation are but 13 ratable polls, and 16 families,

in a population of 678. Average audience, about 60. Church members: male, 19; female, 30; total, 49; of whom 19 are absent, leaving but thirty resident members. Scholars in Sabbath school, 55. Mr. LeBosquet states: "Two were received to the church last Sabbath, one of them my youngest son." This is a hard field. Great opposition to evangelical truth prevails in it. "Spiritualism" is rife. The Sabbath greatly desecrated.

23. Merrimack, South.—A year ago Mr. C. M. DesIslets, student in the Princeton Seminary, was ministering to this church. During most of the winter it was supplied by the Secretary, who, in consequence of the sickness of his wife, who died in April, could not be for a long time away from his home. Since the last of April, Mr. D. K. Campbell, from the above named Seminary, has been our missionary here, serving the little church faithfully and acceptably. It is greatly reduced in numbers; only 2 male members remaining, and but 12 female. The meeting-house is situated in the corner of four towns, Amherst, Hollis, Nashua, and Merrimack, amidst a population that can be much better convened here than in the centers of their respective towns. Average congregation, 65. Sabbath school numbers 40. One hopeful conversion. Two dismissions from the church.

24. Meredith Village.—Rev. C. Burnham, our missionary here for some fifteen years, was dismissed from his pastoral relation to the church at his own request, May 1st. Since then, no preaching. Church and Society are about to enlarge their house of worship and make other extensive repairs. This church has been aided in the support of the gospel since 1815, fifty-six years. It is to be hoped they will henceforth sustain their own gospel ministry.

25. Milton Mills.—Rev. C. F. Page, our missionary in this place four years, left at the expiration of his commission in September last. As there is no Congregational church there, it is doubtful whether further aid will be solicited by the few Congregationalists remaining, in support of preaching of our order. Baptists—Calvanistic and Free-will—are the prevailing denominations in the village.

26. Newmarket, South.—This has been, and will be, in coming

time, the "Memorial Year" to this church. After much anxious thought and long continued consultation, in regard to enlargement of their house of worship, they have engaged in earnest in the enterprise to be shortly completed. In various ways they have raised more than $1,500 for the object, and will need to obtain $500 more for its completion. Mr. Bartlett writes: "The house has been raised so as to admit a vestry under it; moved back from the street and enlarged by the addition of more than half its former number of pews. We hope to get back into our house in the course of three or four weeks."

27. Newington. Mr. Davis reports; "The N. H. Missionary Society has aided in doing a good work in this place. The progress has been slow, scarcely perceptible, from one year to another, yet steady, and during the almost nine years I have occupied the field, marked, if we compare the present state of things with that existing at my coming here. On the whole, I think Congregationalism is growing in favor with this people, and the house of the Lord and ordinances of religion are more and more respected." Proof of this is seen in the resuscitation of the church formed in 1715—twice reduced to only two members, and these females—by aid of a council, Sept. 7, 1870. At this time 14 were added to the remaining members, making 16, with the addition of one since. "Occasional visits of members of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Portsmouth, have increased the interest in our prayer meetings and resulted in good."

28. Ossipee Center.—Rev. Mr. Hibbard closed his labors here the last of December, and has become our missionary at Wentworth. Mr. Jotham Sewall, of Fryeburg, Me., great grandson of "Father Jotham Sewall," the "*Apostle of Maine*," member of Union Theological Seminary, is now performing a mission of three months at Ossipee. Death and emigration have greatly reduced this church and society. With the latter only 25 families are connected, and 18 ratable polls. The church contains 19 males and 41 females, one third of whom are absentees, leaving but 40 resident members. Ossipee has a population of 2000. Beside the Congregational, there are three other evangelical churches in the town; in all of which attendance on

public worship is small. Our church there, though few in number and means, is sound in the faith, and still exerts, as it has done for nearly fifty years, a very salutary moral and religious influence on the surrounding community, and should be sustained.

29. Plainfield. Mr. J. W. Boal, of Princeton Seminary, was our missionary here a year since. Present incumbent, Mr. James B. Tyler, of the Theological Seminary, New-Haven, Conn. This church has become greatly reduced, having at this time but 5 male members, and 23 female; total, 28; of whom nine are non-resident. In a population of 1589 in the town, only 20 families are represented in the Congregational Society, and but 15 ratable polls. Great indifference to public worship prevails in the town, in which are three other religious societies, but thinly attended.

30. Roxbury.—Rev. H. H. Colburn closed his labors here April 1st, and has gone to Washington. At present the church has no regular preaching. Like many others, it has become greatly weakened by death and removals, embracing at the present time only 17 members, only 5 of whom are males. Entire population of the town but 174, a decrease of 32 since 1860. Two young men belonging to the church are in course of education for the ministry. The church edifice has been painted outside the past year. During Mr. Colburn's ministry of three years, the Sabbath audience averaged about 50, a much larger proportion to the whole population than resort to the sanctuary in most of our towns.

31. Seabrook, South.—Our missionary in this very hard, difficult field, Rev. William A. Rand, continues his energetic course in faith and hope, amid many and great discouragements. He says: "The past year has been full of results, and prospects were never better. We are hoping great things from the children who are now growing up. One very discouraging fact is the indifference of the people to improving the facilities for education. Not more than half the children of the place, containing some 500 people, attend school. We are now looking forward to agitation on the subject, and shall leave no method untried to secure our desires. A spirit of progress and im-

provement is manifesting itself in many ways, giving great satisfaction to those who have the welfare of the place at heart. But the adversary is constantly exerting his power, and we meet constant opposition. We trust only in His strong arm whose right it is to rule." Average congregation, 150. Members of church, 28, of whom 16 are male. Sabbath school, 150.

32. Shelburne.—Mr. J. R. Atkins commenced his services in this town July 15, 1870. Months of labor performed, 1. Average attendance, 1.

33. Stoddard.—Mr. Rickett commenced his ministry in this town July 30, 1870. This is another of our decaying churches; greatly reduced in numbers and strength within a few years. Not strange, for the population of the town has diminished in the last decade from 944 to 667—difference 277. Missionary's salary, $500, of which $200 is from our Missionary Society. It is doubtful whether the church will long be able to have continuous preaching, even with missionary aid.

34. Washington.—Rev. Wm. Claggett, our missionary in this place in 1870, died early in August of that year. The church, after his decease, had but little preaching till May last, when Rev. H. H. Colburn, our missionary at Roxbury, several years, commenced service here. This church has become very feeble; only 3 male members, 17 female. But for one man it is very doubtful whether preaching would be maintained at all, as he gives about one third of all raised in the place for this purpose. In the town are 889 inhabitants. In the east part of it there is a small Baptist church. The Congregational church is the only one in the center, around which is a large portion of the people of the town, making it very desirable that the ordinances of the gospel be constantly maintained. Mr. Colburn writes: "We have got our Sabbath school and prayer meetings started. Religion is low here. I have begun to preach at one out place four miles off; been there once; had 50 hearers, most of whom go no where else. If I find encouragement, shall preach there once in two or three Sabbaths, at 5 o'clock P. M.

35. Wentworth.—This church, after having sustained gospel ordinances several years, has come back again to our Missionary Society for aid in their support. Rev. D. S. Hibbard, three

years our missionary at Center Ossipee, under commission, began to labor at Wentworth January 1st, under favorable auspices. The church here, though small in numbers and means, is devoted, energetic, efficient; want to maintain public religious services on the Sabbath, when no preacher is present. Their semi-weekly prayer-meetings are well attended, not only by members of the church but by many others. Their interest and zeal in the cause of Christ is highly commendable and encouraging. The missionary writes: "Our Sabbath audiences average 81. Sabbath school in a flourishing condition."

36. Wilmot.—Mr. Tracy continues to work here in faith and patience. He reports: "There is nothing of special interest to report. Things are quiet and pleasant. I sow the good seed as well and as faithfully as I can, and hope it will spring up and bear fruit in abundance in due time. The congregation on the Sabbath give good attention to the preached word, and seem to be deeply interested."

37. Wolfeborough, North.—Our missionary here is Mr. B. C. Henry, from the Princeton Seminary. His commission is for four months from May 1st. He states: "There is much more than usual interest among the people here. Meetings, I am told, are better attended than for many years. The closest attention is paid to the preaching of the word, and not a little feeling manifested. Professing Christians seem to be awakening to new life, and quite a number of non-professors give evidence of the Spirit's influence on their hearts. Our prayer-meetings are well attended. The Spirit of God has evidently been with us in the past weeks. There have been several cases of hopeful conversions during the past few months, which seem to be the prelude of a more abundant shower." Mr. Henry's communications show he is earnestly, prayerfully engaged in his mission work. Good must result. He has a congregation of about 90; a Sabbath school of 40. The church contains 2 males and 10 females.

38. West Stewartstown.—Rev. Munroe Allen, a Presbyterian minister from Canada, was commissioned to serve this church six months from April 1st. He, as all his predecessors found, finds this town and vicinity in which he labors a station hard of cultivation, from the great feebleness of the church in num-

bers and moral power, the numerous religious errors prevalent, and the ungodliness of the community generally. It is an important missionary district, embracing Stewartstown, Canaan, Vt., and a part of Hereford, Canada. Greatly is the faithful preaching of the gospel needed; but a very difficult work permanently to sustain it in this religiously barren region.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

We have employed the past year, from one to four months, from the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., in churches named in the "*Tabular View*," Messrs. J. H. Miller, J. S. Glendenning, S. A. Webster, Wm. H. Cobb, J. W. Boal, J. R. Russell, C. M. DesIslets, D. R. Campbell, Wm. D. Thomas, B. C. Henry; from Seminary in Andover, Messrs. F. M. May, J. M. Seymour; Seminary, Hartford, Conn., Mr. J. F. Tobey; New-Haven Seminary, Messrs. C. W. Drake, James B. Tyler; Union Seminary, N. Y., Mr. Jotham Sewall; Bangor Seminary, Maine, Mr. John Bragdon; in all, 17. As in former years, we are happy to be able to report, generally, the great acceptableness, fidelity, and usefulness of these young men. They promise to be greatly serviceable to the cause of Christ when they shall have completed their preparatory course, and have fully entered on the great work before them.

CHURCHES UNSUPPLIED.

Some churches and missionary districts, supplied heretofore for portions of the year, have had no supplies from our Missionary Society the past year, such as Canaan, East Enfield, Dalton, Dublin, Surry, Langdon, Croydon, Bethlehem, Franconia, Hudson, Milton Mills, not to mention others so near to extinction as to have scarcely a name. Some of these churches unite with those of other evangelical denominations in support of the ministry. Others are so far reduced, in numbers and means, as to decline receiving a missionary laborer, even though offered, substantially, gratuitously to them. In several instances, the male membership of these churches is reduced to three, two, and even one. This is the case with the church in Canaan, two prominent male members, advanced in life, having died

within the present year. So must it soon be with other of our feeble churches, rapidly diminishing by death and removal. We should not be surprised at this process of decline in our mission churches, for it is well known the population is diminishing in nearly all our rural towns, as shown by the census of 1870, compared with that of 1860. Within the decade the population of the State has decreased nearly 9000; the decrease occuring, mainly, in our agricultural towns; almost invariably, in towns where our mission churches are located. We may make up our minds that, in all probability, we shall never have less weak dependent churches in our State than we now have. We may rather expect an increase of such, for the constant process of emigration from our State is essentially weakening many of our hitherto strong churches, some of which, in consequence, are applicants for missionary aid in support of the institutions of the gospel. Let not these things dishearten us, or cause us to abate, in the least, our zeal or efforts in the glorious missionary work, for though our existing feeble churches may become more feeble, and our now stronger ones become weak by the inevitable process of death and emigration, souls, under the blessing of God on our efforts, are preparing for heaven and for greater usefulness to his cause and kingdom, by leaving our severe soil and bleak highlands, for the more fertile lands and milder climate of our great Central and Western Country. Our beloved Granite State has been, now is, and will continue to be, a nursery of sturdy men and devoted women, to establish and maintain churches, schools, and all good institutions in the West, even to the Pacific.

STATISTICS OF COUNTY CONFERENCES.

In the following table may be seen, at a glance, in parallel columns —

1. Number of churches in each of the eight Conferences in the State.
2. Number of churches that contributed to the N. H. Missionary Society in each Conference, during the year ending August 15, 1870.
3. Number of churches that made no contributions to the Society in that year.
4. Amount contributed by the giving churches in each Conference in the year to Home Missions.
5. Number of churches in which are Cent Societies.
6. Number of churches in which there are no Cent Societies.
7. Amount contributed by Cent Societies within the year.
8. Aggregate of donations from churches and Cent Societies.
9. Number of churches in each Conference aided in the year.
10. Amount of aid granted.
11. Excess of receipts above appropriations.
12. Excess of appropriations above receipts.
13. Number of members of Memorial Fund in each Conference.
14. Whole membership of churches in the Conference.
15. Average of donations to the N. H. Missionary Society from the churches and Cent Societies to each church member, for the year.
16. Number of churches in the Conferences aided from the first.
17. Number once aided now self-sustaining.
18. Number still needing missionary aid.
19. Number extinct or virtually extinct churches in the bounds of the Conference.

Number.	Names of County Conferences.	Number of churches in	Number of contributing churches in 1869-70.	Number of non-contributing churches in 1869-70.	Amount contributed by the giving churches in 1869-70.	Churches in which are Cent Societies.	Churches in which are no Cent Societies.	Amount contributed by Cent Societies in 1869-70.	Total amount contributed by churches and Cent Societies.	Number of churches aided within the year.	Amount of aid granted to the churches.	Excess of receipts above appropriations.	Excess of appropriations above receipts.	Number of members of Memorial Fund.	Whole membership of churches in the Conference.	Average of donations to the Miss. Soc'y to each member for the year.	Number of churches in the Conference aided from the first.	Number of self-sustaining once aided.	Number still needing missionary aid.	Number of churches extinct, or virtually so.
1	Cheshire County,	26	9	17	$191.58	11	15	$191.70	$383.28	4	$721.00			18	2209	$0.17	16	8	6	2
2	Coos County,	8	3	5	49.10	2	6	53.38	94.48	2	314.00			7	499	.183	8	2	3	3
3	Grafton County,	22	8	14	256.15	12	10	249.44	505.59	5	618.00			45	2070	.244	22	3	9	10
4	Hillsborough County,	33	20	13	1231.67	21	12	557.39	769.06	4	475.00	$1294.06		101	5157	.24	14	9	3	5
5	Merrimack County,	25	16	9	574.51	17	8	317.12	891.63	2	460.00	441.13		80	2722	.324	11	8	3	0
6	Rockingham County,	33	17	16	661.33	21	12	426.80	1078.63	5	960.00	128.53		75	3356	.30	17	11	4	2
7	Strafford County,	31	14	17	335.76	17	14	240.55	576.31	9	903.00			38	2329	.24	25	11	10	4
8	Sullivan County,	13	6	7	117.08	5	8	50.74	167.82	6	864.00			18	1057	.16	10	0	7	3
	Total,	191	98	98	$2600.68	106	85	$2066.12	$4486.80	36	$6385.00	$1863.82	$1189.21	382	19,449	$0.244	123	62	45	26

The statistics of the foregoing table are taken from the Minutes of the New-Hampshire General Association for the year ending May 31, 1870, and from the Reports of the Treasurers of the N. H. Missionary Society, and of the N. H. Cent Institution, for the year closing August 15th of the same year. It should be here stated that $665.49 were contributed by our churches in 1869–70 to the American Home Missionary Society, which did not pass through our treasury, and are not included in the sum of $5,486.30 received by the Treasurers of the two Societies above named; the two amounts, $5,486.30 and $665.49=$6,152.29. This, averaged to the 19,449 members of our churches, would give to each member $0.31 and a fraction, an average of seven cents more to each than appears in the table; that indicates that of the 191 Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the State, 93 contributed; 98 did not contribute to our treasury in the year reported. In 106 of our churches, Female Cent Societies exist; in 85 churches no such Societies reported donations in 1869–70.

In three of the Conferences—Hillsborough, Merrimack, and Rockingham—the excess of receipts above appropriations to feeble churches within their bounds, were $1,863.82. In five Conferences, namely, Coös, Cheshire, Grafton, Strafford, and Sullivan, the appropriations were $1,789.21 in excess of the receipts from the same Counties.

Number of churches aided from the organization of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society in 1801, 123, of which, 52 are self-sustaining; though several of this number are very weak. 45 still need assistance in sustaining preaching; 26 are extinct, or virtually so.

PROGRESS OF WEAKNESS IN OUR FEEBLE CHURCHES MUST CONTINUE.

Increasing weakness in many of our mission churches, as also in not a few of our stronger ones, has been clearly developing itself for the last two decades. Some of our aided churches, to be sure, have grown stronger, and within that time become self-sustaining, owing to their location in growing business communities. But most of our beneficiary churches, located on the highlands and in the poorer agricultural sections of the State,

have been losing strength during all these twenty years, in consequence of deaths and emigration from those sections to our cities and larger towns, and to the Western States and Territories. A small portion only of the young men born and reared in these towns, remain in them. Indeed, scarcely a young man of energy and enterprise settles down for life on his native hills. The fathers and mothers, generally, continue on the homestead; but, in time, death steps in and removes them from their earthly homes, and their lands go into the hands of foreigners, who care nothing for the church or the cause of Christ; or are turned into pastures, or revert to forests again. Now it is as certain as the connection between cause and effect, that the result of this ordering of Providence, will be the weakening and gradual decay of churches situated in these districts of continually decreasing population. Death diminishes existing membership of churches thus situated, and as emigration lessens the number of children and youth, there are fewer to be converted, to unite with the churches, and to sustain the Institutions of the gospel. This arrangement of divine Providence we must recognize in our missionary movements for our State, and not be surprised or disturbed at the steadily weakening process in many of our churches.

DUTY OF CHURCHES IN OUR CITIES AND LARGE TOWNS TO OUR MISSION CHURCHES.

The large and constant emigration from our smaller and poorer agricultural districts is by no means wholly to the great Western world; very considerable portions of it are to our cities and large manufacturing towns. Indeed, those towns and cities are little else than the rural population concentrated in them. The merchants, the manufacturers, the mechanics, the railroad managers, and operatives, with their families, as also the members of the so-called "learned professions," are mainly from the country, directly, or through their parents. The rural sections of our State are thus drained of no small part of their best, most efficient, and most enterprising people. This, true in the general, is emphatically so in relation to the most efficient, influential members of our feeble country churches. Such give life, strength, wealth, power—moral and

pecuniary—to our city churches, and to those in our large manufacturing towns. Let examination be made, and it will invariably be found that the majority of the most valuable members of such churches were reared, if not converted in the country. Very many of the best members, male and female, of these churches, were brought into the kingdom of Christ by the blessing of God on the labors and lives of our missionaries, and of our feeble churches on our highlands and in our valleys, to which they have ministered, and still do minister. These small weak churches were, and continue to be, the springs whence life came, and strength and energy still flow to our city churches, which are the glory, the moral bulwarks, the conservators, of all that is "lovely and of good report" in our cities and manufacturing towns

Now, who can estimate the importance of keeping these fountains "whence these healing streams do flow," pure and healthy? On whom rests a heavy responsibility to see that this is done? Is it not, in large measure, on the churches in our cities, made strong, to a great extent, by accessions from our feeble country churches; perhaps at the expense, in some instances, of their very existence?

It is worthy of note, that members of our weak mission churches, emigrating to our cities, and county, and large towns, and uniting with the churches in such places, for a while, contribute to the support of the ministry in the churches they have left; yet, in process of time, they discontinue their contributions, specifically for this purpose, and thus the churches in which they were born and nurtured to Christian manhood, gradually lose the benefactions of their children, and come to severe want, perhaps to entire extinction. Painful as is the fact, it should be published and proclaimed aloud, that not a few of our strong city churches give but a pittance, some absolutely nothing, for years together, in aid of our struggling mission churches in support of the public ministrations of the gospel; and this, too, when they can not be ignorant of the great need of these churches of such support. It is respectfully, but very earnestly submitted, whether the time has not arrived when all our ministers and churches should seriously ponder this matter and determine, that in no future report of this Socie-

ty it shall be stated that not half the churches which it represents have given any thing in a whole year to its funds, and that among the delinquents, are not a few of our churches strongest in numbers and in means.

HOPE OF MORE INTEREST AMONG OUR PASTORS AND CHURCHES IN SUSTAINING OUR FEEBLE, AND IN SUPPLYING OUR DESTITUTE ONES.

It is understood that the Cheshire County Conference, at its meeting in June last, at Keene, in view of the numerous feeble, and several destitute churches of our order in that County, raised a committee, consisting of clergymen, laymen, and ladies, to provide the means of employing a missionary, whose duty it should be to visit all the destitute, weak churches within it, to show them sympathy, preach to them, and encourage them to effort to regain the blessings of a stated ministry. It is, indeed, cheering, that any of our County Conferences are awaking to the necessities of churches unfurnished with such ministry, seriously inquiring what can be done for their permanent enjoyment of the public means of grace, and addressing themselves to the work of raising the funds necessary for this purpose. Were all our County Conferences to do this, great good would result. There are indications in other quarters of like interest and effort. Let us pray God to bless it.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The field embraced by the operations of this National Society, extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific; from the Northern Lakes to Southern Missouri and Kansas. In its employ the last year were 940 missionaries, who labored in 29 different States and Territories, supplying 1957 congregations and missionary districts, performing, in the aggregate, 716 years of missionary labor. Among the results were nearly 71,500 Sabbath school children; 2,921 hopeful conversions reported by 407 missionaries; additions to the churches, more than half of whom were by profession of faith, 5,883; the organization of 93 churches; the raising to self-support of 43; the completion of 52 houses of worship; the repairing of 103; the building of 41

others commenced; 75 young men, in connection with the missionary churches, preparing for the ministry. Receipts of the Society during the year, $246,567.26, added to the balance in the treasury at the close of the preceding year, $21,008.20, making the resources of the Society, for the year, $267,575.46. Total receipts for the forty-five years of the Society's existence, $5,984,883.77. Total years of labor performed, 27,840. Whole number of additions to the churches, 217,502.

VALUE OF MISSION CHURCHES.

Mission churches are a standing monument to the praise and glory of the Redeemer. In many towns in our State, they have been established and maintained during periods of forty, fifty, and sixty years; in which, but for these churches, there would have been but little public recognition of God in any form. Without them, temples would not have been erected to his name, or if once raised, would have soon fallen into decay and ruin, and there would have been no standing, visible reminder to the community, even of his very being. But the existence of a Christian church in any place, however feeble, generally secures the building of a church edifice, and of its being kept in repair. Its doors are opened on the Sabbath; the tones of its bell, heard through the neighborhood, call the people to come up to the house of the Lord. Listening to its sound, clothing themselves in suitable apparel, they leave their private dwellings for a season, proceed from different points and through various highways, to the temple of the Most High; silently proclaiming to all beholders, there is a God, the Creator, moral Governor, and final Judge of the world, to whom men are accountable; that there awaits them an endless existence after death, of joy or woe; as they glorify him or not in this brief life. The attendants on the sanctuary enter its gates, reverentially engage in the worship of God; unite in singing his praise, in public prayer, in listening to the reading and exposition of the sacred Scriptures; to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. These public religious services closed, the worshipers, with minds and hearts filled and impressed with the truths of God, in silent order return to their homes, proclaiming, in unuttered voice, as they pass the abodes of the neglectors of the

sanctuary, there is a God, who will save, through Jesus Christ, the penitent, believing sinner, but who will by no means clear the guilty.

This maintenance of the public worship of God by a church, however feeble, tends to check and restrain the ungodly. It is a fact, known and read of all men, that the establishment and support of public worship in an irreligious, dirorderly, immoral community, creates an atmosphere in which they can no longer breathe freely; they either retire or reform. The house of God, resounding with prayer and praise, with the voice of the faithful ambassador of Christ uttering the thunders of Sinai, and eternal life to the pure in heart, awe the profane, the impure, the drunkard, the Sabbath breaker, the blasphemer; such can not live in peace near the temple of God; they mend their ways and become his worshipers with his people, or retreat where they may practice their immoralities undisturbed by its sight. As a matter of course, a mission church maintaining public worship, promotes order, good morals, peaceful neighborhood, and domestic happiness. It gives character to communities that nothing else can. The irreligious understand this, and often act upon the conviction of its truth. A striking illustration recently occurred in a remote, new part of Maine. The President of the Maine Missionary Society informed your Secretary that not long since a gentleman living, in the northern part of that State came to him, requesting him to furnish a missionary for a new colony he was establishing, stating that he had, years ago, settled a colony in connection with an extensive tannery; that he had established it on the principle and with the determination that he would have in it no religion and no intoxicating liquors. His large business created in a few years quite a town. The gentleman carried out his determination to have in his town no temple of God, no public worship whatever; but was defeated in his design of keeping out of it intoxicating drinks. It came in like a flood; his employees and the people generally, used it without stint or hindrance; intoxication, quarreling, disorder of all kinds, prevailed. So demoralized became his colony that he could not live longer in it; sold out, and had gone into the woods further off with the intent of establishing another colony in connection with his tannery

business; determined to have public worship in his new community, "for," said he, "I am satisfied by sad experience, that no good society can be created or exist without the public institutions of religion. I will furnish every material for a meeting-house, and build it, if you will send me a minister. I do n't care of what denomination he is. We must have preaching, or my new colony will be no better than the one I have abandoned." This case, well authenticated, speaks for itself. Thousands of similar ones exist in all parts of our great land.

The feeble mission church promotes education, intelligence, refinement, civilization, patriotism. It befriends more than any thing else, children, youth, and young men; aids them in forming valuable character, and in preparing them to become useful citizens; for success in life. Through its pastor such church secures visits of sympathy to the sick and the afflicted; of consolation to the dying; aids Christians in their religious course, character and life; promotes, under God, the conversion and salvation of souls. Who can estimate the good done in all these various ways by the more than one hundred and twenty churches which our Missionary Society has organized or aided in the support of a faithful ministry for the seventy years of its existence and operations!

HOME MISSIONS THE HOPE OF OUR COUNTRY.

Our first duties, as a Missionary Association, are to our own little State. But our State, in territory, is less than a four hundredth part of our country. Citizens we are of New-Hampshire; we are citizens, also, of the United States of American, and owe Christian duty to all accessible parts of the land. More than two thirds of our national domain lie west of the Mississippi River, all of which is now organized into States and Territories, and filling up with great rapidity by immigrants from all parts of the world. The idolator, the Romanist, the rationalist, the infidel, the atheist, the ungodly of every description, approaching our shores by the Atlantic and the Pacific, filling our valleys, spreading over our prairies, ascending and settling down on our mountain sides, must commingle, forming an incongruous, seething population of ignorance, vice, and crime. With the masses, there is no recognition of God; no Sabbath, no

public worship, nor any desire for it. There is, indeed, a very small element of piety in most of the communities spreading over those vast regions, but too feeble, alone, to impress on those populations any marked Christian character, to restrain prevailing ungodliness, to rebuke heaven-daring wickedness. They are unable to erect temples to the living God, to support the institutions of his holy religion, yet without these the swarming multitudes of these immense regions will wax worse and worse, defying all law, divine and human. The time is coming when the populations west of the great River will exceed that east of it. There must be the seat of empire; there the laws for the government of the nation, so far as it shall be governed at all, will be enacted. There the influences that will give character to the nation will be generated; thence these influences will spread over the land. What will be their nature, what their tendency, what their result? Let God's word and his dealings with ancient nations reply. He says: "The nation and kingdom that will not serve him shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." See the fulfillment of this and of like utterances with which his word abounds, in the overthrow of the old world, of the cities of the plain, of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Ancient Greece and Rome, and, in our day, in the judgments of the Almighty on France, for the ungodliness of its government and of its people. That nation, as such, has had no Sabbath: no recognition of Jehovah as the moral Governor of the world. The popular belief with the masses of the people is, "When a man dies, that is the end of him." Now similar must be the catastrophe, in time, to our own nation, only as it shall acknowledge and reverence God, the Governor among the nations. How can our nation be inspired with reverence for the Almighty? only as his inspired word is made to bear on the national mind and heart. How can this be done? Only as his gospel shall be preached to the whole nation. But how can this be effected? Only in a *home missionary way*. No union of church and State with us, of which we are glad. The States composing our great Republic will not give a dollar to establish and sustain Christian institutions within their bounds; nor will the Republic do any such thing. If such institutions are planted and maintained over our immense national

domain—without them the Republic can not long exist—this mighty work must be done by the voluntary action of the friends of God and of their fellow-men in sending the Christian missionary to the gathering communities all over the newer parts of our great country, and that in the beginnings of their settlements.

That this is *the* method, and the only method of initiating and establishing the Christian ministry and the Christian church in those extended portions of our land, in which they do not now exist, is made clear by the way in which those divine institutions have been planted and permanently founded in all the centers of influence west of the Alleghany mountains to the Pacific. Be it remembered, that the first church in Cleaveland, Sandusky, Toledo, Chicago, Milwaukee, Quincy, Springfield, Davenport, Galena, Beloit, Dubuque, Burlington, Muscatine, St. Paul, Leavenworth, Omaha, Cheyenne, San Francisco, were Home Missionary churches, organized by missionaries of the American Home Missionary Society, to which our own New-Hampshire Missionary Society is auxilliary and aided in the maintenance of their ministers, in part, by funds from its treasury, until they reached the point of self-support. These original missionary churches have become the mothers of hundreds of other churches. The first three churches formed by the "Andover Band" in Iowa, some thirty years ago, have multiplied more than sixty fold—now numbering 139. The American Home Missionary Society has planted, in the 45 years of its existence, 3,250 Presbyterian and Congregational churches with 6000 preaching stations; more than five sixths of such churches in the great Western States. Who can estimate the results of these missionary investments? The Congregational churches of Illinois, eleven twelfths of which received Home Missionary Funds, now report benevolent contributions, amounting in a single year to more than all the aid received in more than forty years. What encouragement to perseverance in this great Home Missionary enterprise till the churches of Christ, established throughout the length and breadth of our great Republic, shall, under his benediction, give life and energy to all educational, humane, benevolent Christian institutions, and from which influences shall emanate that shall preserve our free

government, perpetuate our nation, foster and conserve in it "whatsoever is lovely and of good report," and render us that happy people whose God is the Lord.

For the Trustees:

WM. CLARK, *Secretary.*

TREASURERS' ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1870-1.

B. P. STONE and L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurers, in account with*
THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	Dr.
To balance from last year's account,	$3,379.42
Donations from churches and individuals,	2,945.10
Donations from N. H. Cent Institution,	2,564.14
Legacies,	3,119.78
Donations for American Home Missionary Society,	567.53
Legacy for American Home Missionary Society,	50.00
Income of Permanent Fund,	152.83
Interest on note of Kimball & Woodward,	3.02
Amount from donors unknown,	105.48
	$12,887.30

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By amount paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$5,000.12
" " American Home Missionary Society—donations,	567.53
" " " " " " —legacy,	50.00
" " Rev. Dr. Wm. Clark, as salary,	1,000.00
" " him for his traveling expenses, postage, expressage, and stationery,	231.97
" " J. H. Pearson & Co., printing Cent Reports,	80.00
" " McFarland & Jenks, printing Annual Reports and blanks,	138.44
" " Treasurer, as salary,	150.00
" " " for postage, expressage, and stationery,	14.88
" " Counterfeit scrip,	.25
" " Treasurer of N. H. Cent Inststution, as salary,	80.00
Balance carried to new account,	5,629.11
	$12,887.30

RECEIPTS.

Amherst—Gentlemen's Benevolent Society,	$64.41
Acworth—Congregational Church and Society, $14; Ladies' Charitable Society, $18, to constitute Rev. Samuel V. McDuffee life member,	32.00
Alstead—Congregational Church and Society,	3.10
Atkinson—Donation from Mrs. Phebe Page,	2.00
Andover—Congregational Church and Society,	13.50
Brookline—Congregational Church and Society, $18.38; Asa Betterly, for the A. H. M. S., $5,	23.38
Boscawen—Congregational Church and Society,	15.90
Bennington—Congregational Church and Society,	15.08
Center-Harbor—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Concord—First Congregational Church and Society, for N. H. M. Society, $15.82; for the A. H. M. S., to constitute Joseph B. Walker, Esq. life director, $100; two friends for the A. H. M. S., $40,	155.82
Concord, South—Congregational Church and Society, $40; A friend for the A. H. M. S., $20; H. M.., $5,	65.00
Concord, West—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Candia—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Sarah W. E. Hill life member,	44.75
Campton—Congregational Church and Society,	12.75
Croydon—Donation from Mrs. Mary Cooper,	1.00
Canterbury—Congregational Church and Society,	4.00
Charlestown—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Chester—Congregational Church and Society,	20.00
Derry—First Congregational Church & Society,	34.00
Deerfield—Congregational Church and Society, $13.40; Rev. Jacob Chapman, $6.60, for the A. H. M. S.,	20.00
Durham—Congregational Church and Society,	58.50
Dunbarton—Congregational Church and Society,	13.00
Derry, East—Congregational Church and Society,	45.00
Effingham—Congregational Church and Society,	17.25
Exeter—A Friend,	80.00
Epping—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Francestown—Congregational Church and Society,	23.49
Groton—Parker Blood, $2; G. E. Coburn and Miss Josie Coburn, 50 cts. each, $1,	3.00
Gilmanton—Congregational Church and Society,	4.17
Gilsum—A few individuals for the A. H. M. S., $12; Congregational Church and Society, $11.20,	23.20

Gorham—Congregational Church and Society,	$10.00
Greenfield—Congregational Church and Society,	21.00
Greenland—Congregational Church and Society,	27.25
Goffstown—Congregational Church and Society.	28.00
Hinsdale—Congregational Church and Society,	32.10
Hampton—Congregational Church and Society,	16.32
Haverhill—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Peter Flanders life member of the A. H. M. S.,	36.50
Hollis—Congregational Church and Society, $21.45: and to constitute Mrs. Laura Laird, Miss Harriet A. Hills, and Miss Henrietta L. Hardy, life members of the A. H. M. S., $117,	138.45
Hopkinton—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Henniker—Congregational Church and Society, $51.25; and for the A. H. M. S., $75.25	126.50
Hanover, Center—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Hancock—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Jaffrey—Congregational Church and Society,	10.15
Keene—First Congregational Church and Society, $70.21; Second Congregational Church and Society, $58.69; donation from Rev. Dr. Barstow, $5,	128.90
Kingston—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Kensington—Congregational Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S.,	20.00
Laconia—Congregational Church and Society,	23.50
Langdon—Congregational Church and Society,	5.65
Littleton—Congregational Church and Society,	39.00
Loudon—Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
Lyme—Congregational Church and Society,	60.00
Lebanon—Congregational Church and Society,	25.00
Lancaster—Congregational Church and Society,	21.25
Lempster—Congregational Church and Society,	14.00
Mont-Vernon—Congregational Church and Society,	63.21
Mason—Congregational Church and Society, $14; donation from Carrie Tarbell, $5; and from a friend, $1, for the A. H. M. S.,	20.00
Merrimack—Congregational Church and Society,	73.86
Merrimack, South—Congregational Church and Society, $2; donation from R. H. Pratt, $2,	4.00
Manchester—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute John P. Newell, Moses O. Pearson, Thomas Dunlap, Holmes R. Pettee, Thomas B. Brown, Lizzie Farmer, Nancy Bunton, Lucretia E. Manahan, Lavinia Gould, and Augusta Abbott life members,	301.50
Milford—Congregational Church and Society,	152.50
Marlborough—Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Nashua—First Congregational Church and Society, $110.50; Olive Street Congregational Church and Society, $32.20; Pearl Street Congregational Church and Society, $111.29; a friend, $100,	353.99
North Conway—Donation from Rev. R. Kimball,	2.75
North-Hampton—Congregational Church and Society	6.00
Newington—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Newport—Congregational Church and Society,	20.59
Ossipee Center—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Orfordville—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Deacon Charles H. Tillotson life member,	52.00

Orford, West—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Rev. A. Webster Newcomb life member of the A. H. M. S.,	30.00
Pembroke—Congregational Church and Society,	11.50
Pelham—Congregational Church and Society, $20; and for the A. H. M. S., $42.23; donation from Mrs. H. C. Wyman, $40, and James Tyler, $10, for the A. H. M. S.,	112 22
Piermont—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Pittsfield—Congregational Church and Society, $30.71; donation from R. L. French, in part to constitute Susan G. French life member, $5,	35.71
Portsmouth—North Congregational Church and Society,	205 00
Rindge—Congregational Church and Society,	10 90
Roxbury—Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
Raymond—Congregational Church and Society,	14.50
South-Newmarket—Congregational Church and Society,	6.00
Salisbury—Congregational Church and Society,	3.00
Stoddard—Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Stratham—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Rev. A. B. Peabody life member,	30.50
Sanbornton—Congregational Church and Society,	20.00
South Swanzey—Congregational Church and Society,	7.35
Temple—Congregational Church and Society,	14.06
Troy—Congregational Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S.,	13.55
Tamworth—Congregational Church and Society,	4.75
Wilton—Congregational Church and Society,	11.20
Windham—Presbyterian Church and Society,	10.69
Webster—Congregational Church and Society,	23.00
Walpole—Congregational Church and Society, $36.61; donation from Simeon N. Perry, $10,	46.61
Wolfeborough—Congregational Church and Society,	25.00
Wentworth—Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Wakefield—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Wilmot—Congregational Church and Society,	18.11
Washington—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Rockingham County Conference,	12.75

MISCELLANEOUS.

Received from N. H. Cent Institution,	2,307.54
Income of the Memorial Fund,	256.80
Income of the Permanent Fund,	152.83
Interest on Kimball & Woodward Note,	3.02
Donors unknown,	105.48

LEGACIES.

Amherst—From Miss Sarah Lucretia Lawrence,	300.00
Concord—From Samuel Farrington,	1,700.60
Groton—From Henry Cummings, for the A. H. M. S.,	50.00
Loudon—From Eliza T. Stevens,	10.00
Nashua—From Fanny Fisher,	235.00
North Sandwich—From Emily Morrison, in part,	100.00
Portsmouth—From Miss Mary Walker,	450.00
Rindge,—From Mary Davis,	191.40
Rindge,—From Miss Sylvia Twitchell,	70.38
From Estate of E. G. Currier,	3.00

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

COUNTIES.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap & Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May.	June, July.
Hillsborough,	October, November,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September.
Cheshire and Sullivan,	December, January,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November.
Grafton and Coos,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,	December, January.

* Also, Congregational Board of Publication. † Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. ‡ Also, American Foreign and Christian Union.

TABLE

Showing the Places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51.63
1802—Concord,	386.62
1803—Concord,	309.46
1804—Concord,	406.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1,290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1,288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—Keene,	2,807.98
1816—Concord,	2,633.36
1817—Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—Dover,	2,427.10
1819—Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—New-Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—Acworth,	1,846.20
1824—Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—Durham,	1,872.07
1827—Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—Newport,	2,416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86

YEARS.	PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1831	Concord,	2,371.34
1832	Amherst,	5,820.75
1833	Keene	5,067.66
1834	Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24
1835	Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836	Exeter	4,942.02
1837	Claremont,	5,506.14
1838	New-Ipswich,	5,396.81
1839	Lyme,	4,616.37
1840	Hampton,	4,596.83
1841	Francestown,	5,187.03
1842	Dover,	5,361.11
1843	Nashua,	5,730.36
1844	Concord, South Church,	7,582.66
1845	Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846	Newport,	9,027.15
1847	Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	6,050.51
1848	Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849	Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850	Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851	Acworth	9,948.47
1852	Pittsfield	7,896.50
1853	Littleton,	10,461.21
1854	Derry	8,417.53
1855	Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856	Exeter, First Church,	6,690.47
1857	Keene,	8,148.55
1858	Hampton,	6,732.26
1859	Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860	Claremont,	7,258.60
1861	Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1862	Concord South Church,	7,182.49
1863	Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864	Manchester,	7,556.61
1865	Newport,	8,589.13
1866	Dover,	20,064.51
1867	Nashua,	12,068.17
1868	Concord, North Church,	11,810.04
1869	Keene	22,932.54
1870	Milford,	9,598.92
1871	Rochester,	14,600.79
	Total amount raised in seventy years,	$374,556.85

[To avoid expense, the entire list of names of Directors, and of Life Members of the American Home Missionary Society in New-Hampshire, and of Life Members of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, is published only once in five years. The names of those only published in each of the intervening four years who are constituted Life Members within these years severally. The following list purports to contain the names of *all* the members from the first of the *American Home Missionary Society in New-Hampshire*, and of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. Some names may have been omitted, some misprinted, and many deceased. The asterisk, signifying death, may not have been prefixed, and the original residence of many may have been changed. Great pains have been taken to give the present place of residence of members wherever known. Errors in any of the respects above named that may be made known to the Treasurer, will be corrected in future reports.]

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Annual meeting at Laconia, on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of September, 1873.

PREACHER OF THE OPENING SERMON to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements. (See Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1.)

PREACHER BEFORE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, Rev. F. Alvord, Nashua; Substitute, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS (Art. VII, Sec. 3) Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton; Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill; Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS (Art. VII, Sec. 1), Rev. W. F. Bacon, Laconia; Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill; Rev. C. Richardson, Plymouth.

SUBJECT OF ESSAY: The Future Everlasting Punishment of the Wicked; its position in the Christian System of Doctrines. *Essayist*, Rev. S. P. Leeds, D. D., Hanover; *Substitute*, Rev. A. B. Rich, D. D., West Lebanon.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION. 1. What are the present prevailing forms of Skepticism, and by what means shall they be disproved? *To lead the discussion:* Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Amherst, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill.

2. How shall the Church and Congregation be induced to Consecrate their Wealth to the Service of the Lord? *To lead the discussion:* Rev. Silas Ketchum, Bristol, Rev. Cyrus Richardson, Plymouth.

3. What means can be employed to bring our Congregations generally into the Sabbath School? *To lead the discussion:* Dea. W. G. Brown, Campton; Rev. S. L. Gerould, Goffstown.

CONFERENCES. CHESHIRE, 26 churches. Meets the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Marlborough, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $33.

Coos, 8 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Meets the Tuesday following the Week of Prayer in January, and the second Tuesday of June. Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $7.

Grafton, 22 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Dea. Isaac Willard, Orford, Clerk, and Treasurer; Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Asessment, $30.

Hillsborough, 33 churches—29 Cong., 4 Pres. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Edward Aiken, M. D., Amherst, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Geo. F. Merriam, Mason Village, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $72.

Merrimack, 25 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. B. Putnam, West Concord, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $39.

Rockingham, 33 churches—31 Cong., 2 Pres. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $48.

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Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Newport, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $15.

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II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3 The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church

in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of September, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, and Statistical Secretary, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the time and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. These secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

5. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a statistical scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

6. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the

churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associate.

VII. COMMITTEES. 1. At each meeting of the Association a committee of arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a committee of inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate three questions of religious doctrine or practice, one of which shall relate to the interests of Sabbath Schools, for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate three persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each; to be followed by a general discussion, speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprises, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing committee of nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceedings. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees, and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals, and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P.M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegates from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the Moderator. The substance only of letters to be communicated, unless of special interest.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Discussion of question relating to Sabbath Schools.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be recieved, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question now be put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of the other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. The Association will maintain a fraternal relation with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberation, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith, sending up their nomination for confirmation by delegates to this body. If any association fails to nominate, the Committee on Nomination shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New-York, in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the minutes, and other

necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body in which two-thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire held its Sixty-third Annual Meeting, in the Congregational Meeting-house at Bristol, N. H., commencing on Tuesday, August, 27, 1872, at 10 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. S. L. Blake, of Concord, N. H. Text, Matt. 13: 31, 32. "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

Subject—The Progressive Character of the Kingdom of Heaven.

After the sermon the preacher called the meeting to order.

The following persons were enrolled as members of the Association;

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. Quincy Blakely, Rev. M. T. Runnels, Rev. Joseph Blake, D. D., Rev. Cyrus Richardson.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. S. L. Gerould, Rev. W. J. Tucker.

Harmony.—Rev. Samuel H. Riddel.

Hollis—Rev. James Laird, Rev. D. E. Adams, Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D.

Hopkinton—Rev. J. B. Cook, Rev. A. W. Fiske, Rev. C. Curtice.

Monandock—Rev. H. H. Colburn.

Orange—Rev. E. M. Kellogg.

Piscataqua—Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. Jacob Chapman, Rev. A. B. Peabody.

Sullivan—Rev. Charles M. Palmer, Rev. G. R. W. Scott.

Suncook—Rev. W. O. Carr, Rev. B. N. Stone.

Union—Rev. Charles Seccombe.

White River—

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville.

Hillsborough—Dea. J. D. Hills, Hollis; Hon. Thos. Pearson. Nashua.

Merrimack—Dea. C. W. Harvey, Concord; W. T. Childs, Henniker.

Coos—

Grafton—D. C. Churchill, Lyme; Robert Ford, Danbury; M. C. Dole, Campton; W. W. Russell, Plymouth; Dea. G. S. Dean, Wentworth.

Rockingham—Dea. John L. Fitts, Epping; Frank R. Drake, Northampton; J. W. Noyes, Chester; Dea. Charles C. Grant, Auburn; Dea. C. T. Tuck, Brentwood.

Strafford—Joseph Hodgdon, Ossipee Centre.

Sullivan—Hon. Dexter Richards, Newport.

Dartmouth College—

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Geo. Dustan, Peterborough, Secretary Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Silas Ketchum, F. H. Bartlett, and S. P. Leeds, D. D., Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill, and Rev. H. A. Hazen, Pittsfield, Committee on change in the Constitution.

Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord, Preacher.

Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton; W. A. Rand, Seabrook; Rev. N. F. Carter, Orfordville; Rev. V. J. Hartshorne, Enfield, Essayists, &c.,

Geo. E. Jenks, Concord, of the Committee on Paper.

Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Amherst, Secretary, N. H. Missionary Society.

Rev. Isaac Willey, Pembroke, Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Treasurer N. H. M. Society.

Rev. W. R. Jewett, Fisherville, Secretary M. and W. Charitable Fund.

Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord, was elected Moderator.

Rev. A. B. Peabody, Stratham, Scribe, and Rev. W. O. Carr, Barnstead, Assistant Scribe.

A Committee of Inquiry was chosen, consisting of Rev. D. E. Adams, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, and Rev. Jacob Chapman.

Rev. Geo. Dustan was chosen *pro tem* on Committee on Nomination. Rev. E. H. Greeley, was chosen on the Committee for two years, and Rev. F. D. Ayer, for three years. Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., offered prayer.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2 P. M. Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Prayer offered by Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Voted to hear from delegates to foreign bodies. Dr. Davis reported on Council at Oberlin. Rev. S. Ketchum from the Methodist Annual Conference of N. H. Rev. E. H. Greeley reported from Committee on change in Constitution. Report laid on table for a time.

Rev. H. S. Huntington read the Narrative of the State of Religion. It was voted, that the Narrative be printed with the Minutes.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Rev. W. Barrows, D. D., spoke in behalf of Congregational Publishing Society.

Rev. S. W. Hanks spoke in behalf of the Seaman's Society.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., spoke in behalf of the American Missionary Association.

Rev. W. Warren, D. D., spoke in behalf of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

Singing. "Shall we whose souls are lighted."

Prayer offered by Dr. Strieby.

Adjourned to 7 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

Committee on Change of the Constitution, relating to correspondence with Foreign Bodies, reported as follows:

That the correspondence by delegates of this body with Ecclesiastical Bodies out of the State, be discontinued: provided that the Secretary may, in special cases, at his discretion, furnish credentials to any member, entitling him to act as its representative at the meeting of such bodies; and anything in the Constitution and Rules of the Association, inconsistent with this vote, is hereby repealed.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Public exercises at 7½ o'clock.

Commenced with singing.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Seccombe.

A collection was taken for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, amounting to $151.

Rev. C. E. Milliken, of Littleton, read an essay. Subject—The relation of the Churches to Moral Education in the State.

After singing, Committee of Arrangement reported in part.

The Subject of the Essay was discussed by Rev. C. Seccombe, E. Jenkins, Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. W. J. Tucker, Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. Jacob Chapman, and Rev. Dr. Barrows.

After singing the Doxology, benediction was pronounced, and the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock, Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock. Presided over by Rev. W. J. Tucker.

At 9 o'clock business was resumed by the Association, the Moderator in the chair.

The Committee on Nominations reported in part as follows:

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Primary—Rev. F. Alvord. *Substitute*—Rev. G. R. W. Scott.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. E. H. Greeley and Rev. C. Richardson.

Delegate to Andover Seminary, *Primary*—Rev. J. K. Young, D. D. *Substitute*—Rev. W. J. Tucker.

Report accepted.

Committee on change of time of holding the meeting of the Association, reported, recommending the change to the Tuesday following the second Sabbath in September. The report was accepted and adopted.

Committee on State paper, reported asking for further time for consideration of the Subject.

Voted, That the Pastors and Laymen of the Congregational Churches, are earnestly requestsd to canvass the parishes under their care, or in which they reside, and report within two months to the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Silas Ketchum, Bristol, what they can do for the encouragement of a State Congregational Paper.

Committee of Inquiry reported as follows:

Essay—The future everlasting punishment of the wicked; its position in the Christian system of doctrines.

Essayist—Rev. S. P. Leeds, D. D. *Substitute*—Rev. A. B. Rich, D. D.

Question—How shall we secure "the essential object of the Association, to promote brotherly intercourse and co-operation with other similar institutions."

Disputants—Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Rev. E. H. Greeley.

[For this question another was afterwards substituted, by permission of the Association. See page 3.]

Discussion of question—How shall the church and congregation be induced to consecrate their wealth to the service of the Lord?

Disputants—Rev. Silas Ketchum, Rev. Cyrus Richardson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

10 A. M. Addresses by delegates from foreign bodies:

Rev. G. J. Abbott, from N. H. Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Newall Culver, from Methodist Annual Conference;

Rev. C. A. Towle, of Illinois, being present, gave a report from the Congregational Churches of Ill.

Rev. C. Cushing, D. D., Addressed the Association in behalf of the Congregational Union.

Rev. W. R. Jewett, Secretary of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, read his report. The report was accepted.

11 A. M. Discussion of question—Duty of the stronger to the feebler churches.

Opened by W. A. Rand and F. H. Bartlett.

Remarks were made by Dea. C. W. Harvey, Rev. C. A. Towle, W. S. Child, Rev. W. J. Tucker, Rev. Dr. Davis, Geo. E. Jenks, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Rev. C. Cushing. D. D., Rev. Silas Ketchum.

Voted to lay the subject on the table until 3 o'clock.

Committee of Arrangements reported in part.

Adjourned to 1½ P. M.

1½ P. M. Business meeting.

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. Geo. Dustan, was adopted:

Resolved, That the office of Sabbath School Secretary be abolished; and that the Committee of Inquiry be instructed to report a question pertaining to Sabbath School interests for discussion, and appoint disputants on the question.

Rev. H. S. Huntington was re-elected Statistical Secretary. He declined, and was excused. A vote of thanks for the ability and fidelity of his services was passed.

Voted, That a Committee of three be chosen, to consider the matter of systematic benevolence in our churches, and report what methods may be used in promoting the same.

Committee of Inquiry reported a question for discussion—What means can be employed to bring our congregations generally into the Sabbath School? *Disputants*—Dea. W. G. Brown, Rev. S. L. Gerould.

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2 P. M. Anniversary of N. H. Education Society.

Dr. Tobey in the chair.

Rev. S. H. Riddel offered prayer. Rev. S. P. Leeds, D. D., Secretary, made his report.

Addresses were made by Rev. C. A. Towle of Illinois, and Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Secretary of Western Coll. Society.

The present officers of the Society were re-elected.

3 P. M. Renewed discussion of the question of the morning.

The following resolution was discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the stronger churches, that they organize their lay forces under direction of their pastors, for labor among destitute places, and with pastorless churches, with a view of awaking such interest in the hearts of such peo-

ple, as to put them within reach of the N. H. Missionary Society, or other religious influences.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, Rev. W. J. Tucker, and Dea. A. McFarland, were nominated and chosen Committee to report on systematic benevolence.

4 P. M. Children's meeting was held.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

Addresses were made by Rev. John Bragdon, Dea. Geo. S. Dean, Rev. H. M. Stone.

Singing was interspersed.

Voted, That the Association, when it adjourns, adjourn to 7 P. M.

Voted to omit the praise meeting Thursday morning, and have a business meeting at that hour, that the meeting may close before 2 o'clock.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7 P. M. Business meeting.

Committee of Arrangements reported, and the following change in the Constitution was adopted:

Business, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 8 to 9.

Devotional exercises from 9 to 10 A. M.

Committee on Nominations reported Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Pittsfield, for Statistical Secretary, and he was elected for three years.

7½ P. M. Public meeting. Prayer offered by Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D.

Rev. J. P. Langworthy addressed the Association in behalf of the Congregational House.

Discussion of question—What is the best method of securing special religious interest in the churches?

Opened by Rev. N. F. Carter and Rev. V. J. Hartshorne.

Remarks were made Hon. Milan Harris, E. Jenkins, Dea. John L. Fitts, Dea. J. D. Hills, Rev. S. Bowker, Rev. S. L. Gerould, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Dea. C. W. Harvey.

Voted to spend 15 minutes in prayer.

Voted to meet at 7½ o'clock Thursday morning for a praise meeting of one half hour.

Singing. Benediction.

Adjourned till 8 A. M., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

7½ A. M. Praise meeting of one half hour. Led by Rev. W. Rand.

8 A. M. Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Singing.

Prayer offered by Rev. E. Buxton.

Reading of the Minutes.

The following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the Association has heard with pleasure the report of its Delegates to the National Council; that we regard with satisfaction the permanent organization of this body, and look with hope to its influence in the future in promoting the fellowship of our churches, and in stimulating and shaping our labors for Christ and the world.

Rev. H. M. Stone, Primary, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Substitute, were chosen delegates to the Yearly Meeting, Free Will Baptist.

Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Primary, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Substitute, chosen delegates to Methodist Annual Conference.

Voted to recommend the churches to raise $275 for yearly expenses.

Rev. M. T. Runnels was chosen Delegate to the Baptist General Conference, and Rev. S. S. Morrill, Substitute.

Voted, That 1500 copies of the Minutes be printed as last year.

Voted to leave the matter of the contributions to the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund to the same persons as last year.

A communication was received from Rev. J. B. Miles, Secretary of American Peace Society, and referred to next year.

Voted to leave the assignment of the place for next meeting of the Association with the Secretary, Rev. F. D. Ayer.

Rev. John Dudley, of Wisconsin, brought the congratulations of the churches of Wisconsin.

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That this Association tender their hearty thanks to the people of Bristol for their kind and generous hospitality, in entertaining this body and its friends at this meeting; and to the choir of this church for their valuable services; that the Secretary be instructed to express to the following Railroad Companies—Boston, Concord & Montreal, Concord with its branches, and Northern Road and its branches and connections—the sincere thanks of this Association for reduction of fares to persons attending this meeting; also to the Committee of Arrangements for their services.

Voted, That at the close of the communion service the Association stand adjourned to meet on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath in September, 1873.

Voted to adjourn to 12¼ o'clock.

9 A. M. Anniversary of the N. H. Missionary Society.

Hon. Milan Harris in the chair.

Prayer offered by Rev. Dr. W. Warren.

A committee of three, as follows, was appointed to nominate officers: Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Dea. J. R. Hills.

The report of the Treasurer, L. D. Stevens, was read and accepted.

Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Secretary, read his report. Accepted and adopted. Voted that the report be printed under the direction of the Trustees.

Remarks were made by Rev. Isaac Willey, Dea. Geo. S. Dean, Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. A. Tobey, D. D., Rev. C. E. Milliken, Rev. Charles Seccombe, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Hon. L. D. Stevens, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. W. R. Jewett.

Recommendations, as follows, were accepted and adopted:

Voted, That we recommend to the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to adopt, so far as practicable, the plan of enlisting the aid of the stronger churches in behalf of specific feeble churches; and that, when it is impossible for the time to procure the permanent services of ministers to labor in

the feeble churches, systematic effort be made to supply them.

The following outline of a plan is suggested:

1. That the Trustees and Secretary be requested to district the State into Conferences or adjoining Conferences, and secure some pastor to act as Superintendent of the district.

2. That the Superintendent, acting in conjunction with the Secretary, visit the churches and arrange to supply their pulpits by definitely engaging each local pastor to give one Sabbath—calling on unemployed ministers and teachers in our academies, students in our colleges and academies, and others, personally—endeavoring to enlist them in this work, promising small but certain pay from the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The following officers were elected: President, Asa D. Smith, D. D., LL. D.; Vice President, Hon. J. E. Sargent; Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D.; Treasurer, Hon. L. D. Stevens; Auditors, John Kimball, Esq., W. W. Storrs, Esq.; Trustees for three years, Hon. Milan Harris, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Blake.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Rev. E. H. Greeley preached the sermon before the communion. Text, John 13: 14. Subject—Service. Rev. H. M. Stone and Rev. Q. Blakely officiated at the table.

S. L. BLAKE, *Moderator.*

A. B. PEABODY, *Scribe.*

WM. O. CARR, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

It is a great blessing to be permitted to assemble, as we do to-day, for consultation respecting the highest privileges, and the holiest, most important work entrusted to man. Once a year seems hardly often enough to gather the churches of the State for such Christian fellowship. Certainly it would not be, if we did not meet more frequently in smaller local bodies for the same purpose. The record of one year of Christian service and blessing must be in many respects like that of another. But these highest subjects, unlike many others, are always new to those who love them. To speak often one to another, publicly and privately, about our work, is a help to every true minister and every warm-hearted Christian. Not our joys only, and the fulfillment of our hopes, are profitable for communication, but there is encouragement in finding that praying, working Christians everywhere encounter the same difficulties with ourselves.

We are permitted this year to add one new name to the sisterhood of churches represented by this Association, viz., that of Milton Mills, organized September 26, 1871. It is called the Union Evangelical Church of Milton Mills, and its aim is to include all Christian believers in the town; and what is this but the very genius of Congregationalism?

Change and death have been busy the past year, as usual, among our ministry. Some valued brethren have left the pulpits of our State, and some who are a real acquisition have been received.

Only two ministers who were in active service in the State, have died during the year, viz., Rev. Reuben Kimball, of North Conway, aged 69, and Rev. Benjamin F. Ray, of New Ipswich, aged 48; both men beloved for Christian fidelity and worth. Three others have died, whose names should be mentioned here, viz., Rev. Charles W. Richardson, for some time

past without charge, and a resident of Canaan, who died November 16, 1871, aged 70; Rev. Dr. Ezra E. Adams, a native of East Concord, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and for some time pastor of the Pearl St. Church in Nashua, who died in Pennsylvania November 3, 1871, aged 58; and Rev. Harrison O. Howland, who passed much of his ministerial life at Warner and Chester, N. H., and died at Kinderhook, N. Y., February 13, 1872, aged 59. While we mourn the loss of these brethren, we give thanks for their example and their work, and think of them as having entered into a higher fellowship in the heavenly kingdom.

In reporting the condition and work of the churches, we shall speak first of the things relating to their *external* prosperity, and afterwards of their spiritual conflicts, trials, joys, and victories.

We name first such churches as report the *payment of debts*; since this is the true preparation for every other form of outward good. Tilton reports that most of an old debt has been removed, and as is natural, an increased feeling of financial ability prevails. The church at Goffstown has liquidated some $250 of debt on the parsonage, (mainly through the noble efforts of one of the mothers in Israel,) besides the purchase of a cabinet organ for the Sabbath School, and the gift of some $1,100 in money and clothing to the sufferers by the fires in Michigan.

Lyndeborough has paid off about $400 of debt.

The Pearl St. Church in Nashua, strengthed by having received once more a pastor, has paid off a debt of $4,500. The financial condition of the society is said to be better than for several years past.

Of churches which have paid debts, none deserves more credit than the little feeble one of Alton. Of its twenty-six members, only five are men, and not one of them resides in the town; but through the noble efforts of Christian ladies, a debt of about $550 has been paid, and now they are moving in the matter of a parsonage, rightly thinking that this will aid them to secure a permanent pastor.

In this connection we state what is reported from other churches in regard to the securing of *parsonages*.

Says Rev. Mr. Page, of Atkinson, after speaking of the valuable service rendered to the church there by students from Andover Seminary: "Yet it is very desirable that there should be a stated ministry; and for this end an effort is being made to raise funds for a parsonage, with an encouraging prospect of success."

The church in Lee is engaged in a similar effort.

Warner has provided, at an expense of about $2,400, a commodious and very pleasant parsonage, to which the ladies have generously added some comforts.

The new parsonage at Hampstead was named last year, but it may here be added, that it has cost somewhat over $3,000, of which sum, the late Joseph Chase, senior deacon of the church, gave $1,068. He was one of those, of whom we have many in our churches, and need many more, who make expenditures for the Lord's work not the last, but the first thing in their plans. Says the report: "He lived to see this enterprise completed, and the society once more through its Annual Meeting with a *clean balance-sheet*—a condition of things, financially, in which the good deacon thoroughly believed."

At Dalton a parsonage has been purchased by the ladies.

At Chester a very commodious parsonage has been built, costing with the grounds $4,200; and at Farmington one at an expense of $4,500. It deserves special note that this has been done at Farmington in addition to the erection within two years of a church which, with organ, bell, and all modern improvements, cost $25,000.

We name now the expenditures reported by the churches for the improvement of church edifices, and various other enterprises which enable them to prosecute Christian work with greater efficiency.

Bristol reports about $300 expended in repairs and improvement of the church; Jaffrey between $300 and $400; Auburn $200; Orford $150; Dartmouth College church $200.

Orfordville reports $260 expended upon the parsonage; Lyme $125 for the same purpose; and North Hampton $200. At Alstead Centre the parsonage has been repainted and otherwise improved.

The meeting-house at Rye has been repaired. Those at New Alstead and New Castle have been painted and repaired, and at the latter place one hundred books added to the Sabbath School library.

At Mont Vernon more than $250 has been raised for the purchase of books for the Sabbath School and for praise in the sanctuary, and for repairs on the parsonage.

Extensive improvements, costing at least $1,500, have been made upon the meeting-house at Winchester.

The church at Amherst has carpeted its tasteful chapel, and furnished it with a cabinet organ.

Goffstown has been already named, but it is here in place to say, that in a little more than three years the society has raised for repairing and enlarging the church, and erecting a parsonage, the sum of $4,200.

At Stratham a new furnace and cabinet organ have been obtained during the year.

The meeting-houses at Meredith Village, Goshen, and Nelson have been extensively repaired. That at Jaffrey has been painted, newly carpeted, and otherwise improved. That at Gilmanton Iron Works has been painted, and the new "Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book" has been introduced for the service of song.

At Dunbarton the ladies have provided a new carpet and other improvements.

The church in Hopkinton are making successful efforts to raise money for a pipe organ. That in Plymouth have purchased an organ which, with some repairs upon the house, has cost $1,800.

The church in Wolfeboro' have improved their meeting-house, being aided in the work by gifts of pulpit chairs, communion service, and a new bell; the citizens in general contributing toward the latter.

At Acworth the meeting-house and parsonage have been repaired, and the pulpit provided with new furniture.

The meeting-house in Pittsfield has been extensively and tastefully repaired, at an expense of $1,000 or more. It has been repainted and frescoed, and received a new pulpit, chande-

liers, and carpet. Through the efforts of the ladies, a large, light, and pleasant vestry connected with the church, is also nearly completed.

The church in Bedford reports a vestry completed at a cost of about $1,600.

The Second Church in Exeter have recently bought the Elm Street Baptist meeting-house, which they intend to fit up for social meetings and other church purposes.

Allusion was made last year to improvements partially completed at Newport, Laconia, and Rindge, which may now be more fully reported.

The new and beautiful chapel at Newport was dedicated last January. Its size is about thirty-seven by sixty-three feet, and the cost has been nearly $7,000. Furnaces have been substituted for stoves in the meeting-house.

The church edifice at Rindge has been thoroughly repaired and beautified within and without, and also enlarged so as to receive a very fine organ, The total expense, including the organ, is about $7,000.

At Laconia $10,000 has been expended in improvements upon the meeting-house, the entire amount having been promptly paid.

The church in Pembroke rejoice in a great improvement of their meeting-house, which has been effected at a cost of about $2,000. They have also introduced "Songs for the Sanctuary" in public worship, in place of "Watts and Select Hymns," raised $110 to replenish the Sabbath School library, and secured funds to light the meeting-house.

The meeting-house in Newmarket has been remodeled at a cost of $5,000. That at Claremont has also been remodeled at much expense, and the audience-room rendered very fine.

In this connection, a number of *gifts* received by various churches may be mentioned. The late James Spofford of Hopkinton made the church in that place a residuary legatee of his property, the amount which they will thus receive being estimated at $1,000. The late Mrs. S. W. Jones left to the Congregational society of Troy about $1,500, together with bequests of $200 to the Boston Tract Society, and $400, each, to

the American and Foreign Christian Union, and the American Missionary Association. Dea. Joseph Chase, of Hampstead, already named, left by will to the Congregational Society with which he had so long been connected, $5,000; also to the American Board and American Missionary Association, $500 each. The late senior deacon of the church in Mont Vernon, who had held the office for fifty years, made provision by his will for the perpetual payment to the minister's salary, of the same amount which he gave while living. Thus the church will be ever reminded of his deep interest in her prosperity. Dea. Whidden, of Canterbury, recently deceased, left $200 to the church in that place to aid in the support of preaching, and $1,500 to the Home Missionary Society. $1,000 has been invested by Mr. Francis Cogswell, of Andover, Mass., as a permanent fund to aid in the support of the gospel in Atkinson.

The North Church of Portsmouth have received $500 by the will of Miss Mary C. Rogers, towards a pastor's library. About two years ago Miss Rogers gave to the church the valuable lot of land on which the chapel now stands. In connection with this gift for the very useful purpose of a pastoral library, we would suggest that it seems specially desirable that gifts for this object should be of the nature of a *permanent fund*. $1,000, or even $100, expended outright for books, will in the end benefit the pastor of a church much less than would the *income* of the same, which he may spend each year for such new books, or new editions of the best old books, as will most invigorate his mind, and meet his *present* needs.

The church in Deerfield have been presented with a silver-plated communion service, by Miss Martha O. Cilley. The Sabbath School at Harrisville have received an excellent organ, as the gift of some generous friends. Dea. Abner Kingman, of Boston, has presented the Sabbath School of Mont Vernon with sixty volumes for their library. The Sabbath School at Milton Mills have received fifty-six library books and fifty hymn books from the Chestnut Street Sabbath School in Chelsea, Mass., and the Congregational Publishing Society. John Kendrick, of Providence, R. I., made a New Year present of $100 to the Sabbath School in Winchester, his native town, the interest to

be used for books. Hon. Henry Wilson has presented $100 each to the Sabbath Schools connected with the Congregationalist and Free Will Baptist churches of Farmington, his native town.

It is not out of place here to name also some bequests which have been given during the year, by members of our churches, to benevolent societies; namely, by the will of Mrs Sarah S. Harris, of Fitzwilliam, $500 to the American Board, and $100 to the American Home Missionary Society; by that of Mr. Dexter Whittemore, of the same place, $1,400 to different benevolent objects; by that of Rev. Dr. Humphrey Moore, of Milford, $500 to the American Board; by that of Miss Abiah Cutter, of Pelham, $733, to the same; and by that of Mrs. Abel Baker, of Troy, $300 each to the American Board, American Home Missionary Society, and American Missionary Association. Rev. Dr. Savage, of Franklin, has given $1,000 to Bowdoin College, to found the "Mary L. Savage Scholarship," in memory of his wife. Such a record of gifts to Christ's kingdom, while it would be worse than useless if it led to self-laudation, is very useful, if it incites others of God's people to liberal giving, and strengthens them by the thought that they are not alone in self-sacrificing effort, but that many others, in the feeble, as well as the strong churches, devise liberal things.

Before closing the record of outward activities, it may be added, that new and more complete *church manuals* have been issued during the year by several churches, among which are those of Henniker, Warner, Peterborough, and New Alstead.

The churches of Sanbornton, Merrimack, and Warner have celebrated the completion of one hundred years from their foundation.

In coming, now, to speak more directly of the *spiritual work* of the churches during the year, it is natural to say a few words of the *special difficulties* which they encounter. There are such difficulties everywhere. How could it be otherwise in a fallen world? We belong to the church militant, not the church triumphant. The difficulties, the severe trials should not be kept out of sight. They are not necessarily discouraging. There is even *encouragement* to many a faithful pastor, and the praying,

useful men and women of his flock, in remembering that other pastors and laymen elsewhere, whose piety and wisdom they know, meet just such difficulties, and are grievously tried by them. It may seem strange, but I not know when a few words have brought a more positive feeling of encouragement to my mind, than the closing lines of a recent letter from one of the most useful and beloved of the aged pastors of the State, in which, having given the report of his church, he says: "I have been so disappointed at the result of our union meetings, which seemed so promising at first, that I have not had the heart to write until now." In reading those words, my feeling was, I *know* that God is not letting that man labor in vain, and if he does not see fit to show him present results, why should others of us be discouraged because it is so with *us*?

As was to be expected, and as in former years, many reports from the country churches speak of the trial which comes to them through the *emigration* of so many of the enterprising part of the population. The reports from Stratham, Greenland, Piermont, Bennington, Deering, Pelham, Gilsum, and other towns similarly located, refer to this. One little church, which a year ago had only eleven male members, has lost two of them by death, and three by removal from town. One pastor speaks of the great discouragement as being, that "families move away to educate their children, and young people go away for employment; which suggests that two of the means by which good families are to be kept in the rural towns, are the providing there the best possible facilities of education, and the teaching the young people that there is no more independent and happy life than that of the farmer, if only the farmhouse is the abode of intelligence, good taste, and above all, religion.

On the other hand, the pastors of the churches in some of our busy villages, are sorely tried by the incoming of a class of population who have not received the Christian training which is given in these old churches on the hills, and whom it is difficult to reach with good influences. Says the pastor of one church in a thriving village: "Of active male church members in our village, we have almost none; we do not hear the voice and rarely have the presence of a single one in our weekly pray-

er-meeting. The only male church member whose help can at all be depended upon in these meetings, resides more than two miles from the church." Yet he states that a considerable number of young people, who are not professors of religion, constantly attend the prayer-meeting. If more of the members of the church would themselves attend, would they not have far more influence over these young people to lead them to Christ? Says another pastor, after speaking of special meetings which resulted in a few hopeful conversions: "But most professors of religion have, from the beginning, failed to attend them. Another pastor says: "Religion is not put first. The prayer-meeting is pushed into a corner." What remedy is there, dear brethren, for all these things, but more of Christ's presence with his people, and a higher experience of the joy of the Christian life?

In other communities, the special difficulty is a small, illiberal standard of expenditure for the support of religious institutions. Those who have means give perhaps something; but on so small a scale that it almost makes the hearts of liberal-minded men feel weaker than if they did nothing at all. The church is always feeling pecuniarily weak, when, if all who share its benefits heartily sustained it, it might just as well feel strong. And on the other hand, the weak churches are discouraged if Christ's ministers are unwilling to come and serve them for a small salary, when the Lord in his providence sends them. Many of our best men are laboring happily for a far smaller share of this world's goods than they might elsewhere earn.

One church—that of Litchfield—is reported as afflicted by a peculiar form of burden, viz., a fund of $20,000, which pays all expenses. Such a fund is beyond all doubt a great temptation to supineness and illiberality on the part of a church, instead of a blessing. To *aid* a man in performing his duties, is a kindness; but to perform them all for him is an injury, though it be well meant.

The church at Newington is suffering from a controversy relative to the ownership of the meeting-house and parsonage, which are claimed by the town. The question will soon be de-

cided in the courts. Its worst effects are personal ill-feeling, which drives away the Spirit of God.

The church in Bath has suffered severely by the burning, Feburary 1, 1872, of its meeting-house, which had just been repaired at an expense of $1,800, and on which there was no insurance.

In regard to all these various trials and difficulties, let us remember that when met with patience and fidelity, they prove blessings. If successes broaden the church, trials well met deepen and enrich its piety.

Reports from the *Sabbath Schools* are generally cheering. Some, for temporary reasons, have suffered from a falling off, but more report increase of numbers. The pastor at Peterborough is able to make the gratifying statement: "Nearly every member of the congregation is in the Sabbath School. Of New Alstead the same is said. Pembroke reports increase of numbers from 124 to 177. West Concord, "The number of young men who attend is greater than at any previous time;" Kensington, "The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, embracing most of the congregation;" Lebanon, "The Sabbath School is in a more prosperous condition than for some years;" Hollis, "The membership of the school is 250 by actual count, instead of 220 for the previous year."

The Sabbath School of the Pearl Street Church in Nashua, which had declined in interest, "has during the past six months doubled in numbers, many young men having been gathered into it."

At Mont Vernon, the Sabbath School concerts are the largest meetings of the month. The topic for prayer and conversation at the weekly prayer-meeting is the same as that for the succeeding Sabbath in the Sabbath School, which has added new interest to the meeting.

The school at Newcastle was established in 1819, by the late eminent missionary, Dr. Wm. Goodell, of Constantinople. It now occupies the place of the morning service, and is well attended—a brief Biblical lecture occupying part of the time.

The church in Fitzwilliam and the First Church in Mason

hold their Sabbath School Concert on the afternoon of the second Sabbath of each month. The report from the latter place says: "In addition to other exercises, a paper is read by some member of the school, made up of original and selected matter, which is listened to with deep and oftentimes tearful interest. This plan, adopted two or three years since, has been a decided success."

At Warner the pastor has, for nearly three years, held a young people's Bible Class, which has met part of the time weekly, and part of the time fortnightly, on Thursday evening. While a much larger attendance and interest are to be desired, yet it has proved a blessing to many of the youth. In some way every pastor should bring his own direct, personal, religious influence to bear upon the young people.

The Statistical Secretary of Grafton Conference has addressed a circular to the churches of that body, containing this question among others: "Do you maintain a Sabbath School Teacher's Meeting?" Of seventeen churches which reply, four maintain such a meeting weekly, and one monthly.

These statements respecting the Sabbath Schools naturally lead to others respecting the *Christian activity* of the year. What have the diciples of Christ been doing, to seek to bring all men into his blessed kingdom? Very much, by various forms of personal effort, of which it is neither possible nor important that any public report should be given. But some facts which are mentioned in the reports from the churches are suggestive and encouraging.

The report from Hillsborough Conference fitly quotes the words of an aged minister to a young brother, "If you would see a revival among your people, you must work for it;" and adds, "God works by his Spirit in the hearts of men to regenerate and save them, when he has first put it into the hearts of his people to labor for the conversion of souls."

The report from the South Church in Concord states: "Besides the regular meetings at our chapel, our young men have sustained a neighborhood meeting in the south part of our city. Already fruits have appeared. Two mission schools are sustained, at one of which one of the lay brethren preaches every Sabbath afternoon.

At Danbury two young brethren of the church, both of whom have the ministry in view, have conducted services most of the time for several months.

At Warner Sabbath Schools are maintained in two of the more distant school districts of the town. At Hollis the church has held an average of two prayer-meetings a week, in addition to the Sabbath evening meeting—many of them in the school-houses. These are forms of labor much needed, and doubtless much put forth in our scattered communities.

The report from the Franklin Street Church in Manchester says: "In the absence of any deep work of God's Spirit among us, the results from personal labor have been very gratifying. As to the general religious life of the church, the year has been one of effect in developing some of its plans for work in the city and state. There is a growing interest in this outlying work, and a growing willingness to assume the expense necessary to carrying it on."

During the past year, services have been maintained on the Sabbath at Goff's Falls, an out-district of Manchester, four miles from the City Hall. Rev. F. G. Clark, the City Missionary, has officiated in the forenoon, and by the aid of members of the churches and of the Young Men's Christian Association, a prayer-meeting has been held in the evening. A Sabbath School of thirty members has been organized; the congregation averages about fifty in the morning, and a larger number in the evening. Since the first of January, an ecclesiastical society has been formed under the name of the "Payson Evangelical Society," and a subscription of upwards of $300 secured towards a chapel. Meetings are now held in a school-house, but a chapel is greatly needed.

For upwards of fifteen years, a society called the "Christian Fraternity" has been maintained by the students of Phillips Exeter Academy. Though few in numbers, they have exerted a good influence, and they are now endeavoring to start a library of religious works which shall increase their power of usefulness.

These facts furnish us some hints as to the various forms which Christian activity needs to take throughout our churches,

in city and country. An aggressive spirit should pervade all God's people, a readiness to plant new Sabbath Schools and new churches where they are needed. There should be persistent efforts, in the spirit of Christian love, to reach *all the people*. One of the chief dangers of our long established churches is inactivity, and hence formality. Would that all God's people might be baptized with a new sense of the importance of going out after the young men, the poor, and the neglected.

Pastors need in some way, by meetings upon the Sabbath, or at other times, to bring the children and youth under their own direct, personal instruction and influence.

All can do much good by helping to introduce *good reading* into families. The Christian is doing a most useful work, who increases the circulation of religious newspapers and valuable books in the community. The pastor promotes a higher mental and religious tone among his people, who induces some of them to subscribe for the *New Englander*, the *Congregational Quarterly*, and similar periodicals.

In regard to the very important subject of *temperance*, some encouraging facts are reported. The citizens of Fitzwilliam and Swanzey have, by very large majorities, voted to instruct the Selectmen to prosecute all persons who violate the law of the State in the sale of intoxicating drinks. In Jaffrey a large portion of the leading citizens have organized themselves in a league, pledged to stand by each other, and give their influence and money, so far as necessary, to secure a thorough enforcement of the temperance law. Some of the towns sustain temperance organizations which hold regular meetings with interest. It is an excellent plan which some of the churches are adopting, to render the Sabbath School itself a sort of temperance society, as of course the church should be. That is, in them both such plain teaching of God's truth in regard to temperance should be given, as will make them an effectual safeguard.

The reports from the churches not only inform us of their outward activities, but somewhat of their *spiritual growth*, though this of course lies, to a great extent, beyond the power of definite statement. Some reports speak of a growing sympathy

between different denominations, which betokens the presence of the Lord.

Says one pastor: "Some of the brethren and sisters have taken a more advanced position for Christ and his cause, having experienced a new baptism of the Holy Ghost." Says another, after referring to a revival enjoyed more than a year ago: "The whole body has been greatly revived and elevated. There has been a new experience of the power of Christianity in its ideal energy and excellency. The body at large has gained new conceptions, or has renewed faded conceptions, of the blessedness of union with Christ, and acting as his representative diciples. Whether such experience is fully maintained or not, it is a grand advantage to a church to have had it. Even though some of it is lost, like a beloved friend departed, it never dies."

Let it only be added, in connection with these statements about the spiritual life of the churches, that some of them maintain a far more *healthful, constant* experience of joy and blessing than others. It is usually the case that such churches, even though they have not enjoyed the blessing of a great revival, receive a good number of additions almost every year. For this *uniformily* vigorous, growing Christian life all our churches should aspire. It is the condition described in the book of Acts, "Then had the churches rest, * * * and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied."

We come now to that part of the report from the churches, which relates directly to the gathering of souls unto Christ's kingdom. And here, as in former years, let it be plainly stated, that where a certain number of converts is mentioned, we are far from asserting that they are all who have given their hearts to God. The divine Lord begins his work of grace in men's souls in many ways beyond our knowledge. When our labors seem to us in vain, he is often blessing them. But we can joyfully acknowledge what we *see* of his saving presence.

Many of our churches send good tidings of the power of the Holy Spirit manifested among them, though perhaps there have been no revivals of such great extent as in some former years

Many reports speak of a few conversions. In Goffstown six or seven are spoken of as having become Christians; in Lebanon, fifteen; in Bristol, ten; in Dartmouth College, five. At Loudon there have been several hopeful conversions, and seven have joined the church by profession.

At Hopkinton, union meetings held by the Congregationalist and Baptist churches during the "Week of Prayer" and afterwards, were well attended and solemn, and resulted in a few hopeful conversions. At Raymond, similar meetings resulted in the quickening of many Christians, and the leading of two or three to Christ.

At Exeter, Chester, Lyndeborough, Troy, and Harrisville there has been more than usual interest in the ordinances of grace, with fruit unto salvation in several cases.

Says the pastor at Mont Vernon: "While the church has not enjoyed what would be termed a revival, it has not been without some precious tokens of the Spirit's presence. Some it is hoped have passed from death unto life, one or two cases of marked interest. Four have united with the church on profession.

The report from Hillsborough Conference says: "Nearly all the churches have enjoyed tokens of the divine favor in the conversion of souls." The First Church in Manchester has received fourteen on profession of faith; the church at Enfield, six; at Haverhill, nine; at Lebanon, nine; at Plymouth, six; at Winchester, six; at Walpole, five; the First Church at Keene, seven; the Second Church at Keene, eight.

At Orford there have been sixteen hopeful conversions during the year, and the Pastor says: "The church seems to be in a more active state than it was one year ago." The Pastor of the church in Lyme, after stating that four have found the Savior during the year, makes the gratifying statement, "The converts in the revival of last year wear well."

It is in place in connection with these proofs of the Holy Spirit's presence to mention the report of the Pastor of the church in Greenland, who, though he does not speak of conversions, says: "There have been seven baptisms of children during the year; some parents who for years had neglected the ordi-

nance having desired it." If there could be a general turning of the hearts of the fathers to the children, a general acceptance among our churches of God's everlasting covenant in the true spirit of parental faith and consecration, it would be one of the most hopeful tokens of the future up-building of Christ's kingdom.

The church in Hollis has received eighteen by profession, as part of the result of the revival enjoyed a little more than a year ago.

At Meriden there has been unusual religious interest, and some heads of families have united with the church. A few conversions also occurred among the pupils of Kimball Union Academy.

A very interesting revival has been enjoyed at Candia during the past spring and summer, in connection with the labors of Mr. George E. Lovejoy, of the Lowell Young Men's Christian Association. Twelve united with the church in May, and sixteen in July, nearly all upon profession of faith.

At South Seabrook, in connection with a series of meetings held during the first of the year, some twenty gave evidence of conversion.

The church at Milford has enjoyed much of the Lord's presence during the year, in connection with special labors for home evangelization. Neighborhood and district meetings have been numerous and well attended. During the autumn there were several conversions. Since the opening of spring the church have held extra meetings, partly in connection with the Baptists and partly by themselves, where many have seemed to be anxiously asking the way to the cross, and quite a number have rejoiced in the Savior.

Says the Pastor of the church in Peterborough: "Spiritually the Lord has blessed us, and we have received by profession at one time (the May communion) twenty. Many of these are heads of families, and some of them stirring and active persons. The work of grace with us was quiet, and sometimes it seemed slow, but God took his own way, and the church has been greatly quickened and the heart of the Pastor cheered, at what the Lord has done for us."

The church in Greenfield has been made glad by the presence of the Lord. Says the report: "A growing interest on the part of the church was manifest in the autumn. Christians were getting nearer to God, and gaining a firmer hold upon his promises. There was also an increasing thoughtfulness on the part of some of the young people. This was followed by a general out-pouring of the Spirit, and the scenes which pertain to a blessed revival of God's work were enjoyed. Twenty have united with the church on profession of faith, and others are expected at the next communion." The Pastor says, in view of this blessing: "It is sufficient to compensate a hundred fold for any pecuniary trials we have been called to suffer."

In regard to a precious revival enjoyed in Nelson, a brother of the church writes: "About the middle of November last we were left without a minister; but meetings were held on the Sabbath and two sermons read, different members of the church offering prayer. The Sabbath School was fully sustained, and the Sabbath School Concert quite interesting. About the first of March Mr. Harrison Prescott, of Newton, came and labored among us, holding meetings every afternoon and evening for over three weeks, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to rest upon us. Mr. Prescott in company with an officer of the church visited most of the familes in the parish in the morning, and held meetings in the afternoon. Some twenty-five were hopefully converted, the larger portion of them youth and children from the Sabbath School. Eleven of this number united with the church in July, and others are intending to make a public profession at the next communion. The members of the church have been much revived. Some have attained to a much higher Christian life than ever before. Many of the conversions were in answer to special prayer."

At North Hampton a revival commenced with the Week of Prayer. Says the pastor: "The work was very quiet, while it was deep. There was a solemn stillness in our meetings which I never witnessed before. Religion was the chief subject of conversation for several weeks. It was talked about in the places of business, in the schools, and on the street. Many were made thoughtful, a goodly number were awakened, and

fourteen or fifteen declared their purpose to live for Christ. Differences which had long existed between professing Christians were healed. Many extra meetings were held, some for preaching, others for prayer, but the pastor relied quite largely upon personal effort put forth by the members of the church."

At Wolfborough, during the fall and winter, the pastor had especially sought to lead the people to a deeper, heartier consecration to God. He writes: "During the Week of Prayer. I observed a growing seriousness among our people. Our meetings were held every evening for three weeks; after this only one extra meeting for several weeks. One week in January we were assisted by Rev. L. Thompson, of North Woburn, Mass. The result of our religious interest is, the building up of Christians, rather than many conversions. We can rejoice in some hopeful cases of conversions, but the great effect of the revival is seen in a better tone of feeling, a deeper piety, a broader Christian outlook. Hence, I think I can see a strong undercurrent in the parish for good. Much was done, much was felt last winter, which has not yet appeared on the surface."

From Antrim the pastor writes: "Our church has indeed been greatly blessed, receiving fifty additions in the year 1871, and twelve so far in this year. Yet we hardly dared call it a revival, it was so quiet, and so entirely within the ordinary ways of working. We had almost no extra meetings. We were in harmony of work and will with other societies. There had been signs to my eye of such a coming, but I was almost surprised when it did come. It was most evidently the Lord's work. 'Something is hold of my heart,' one said, days before he yielded. Converts ranging from eleven to seventy-five years of age thus far give almost uniform evidence of a *real* change."

The report from the church in Francestown is instructive as to methods of Christian labor. Says the pastor: "In the autumn of last year, and as preparatory to the Week of Prayer, we commenced the canvass of the whole town. Brethren went out, two by two, and visited every district and every family, trying to converse with every individual, and to pray in every household. On the evening of the day on which any particular district was visited, a meeting was held in that district, and

the same week the committee made their report in the church prayer-meeting: and another committee was appointed for another district. The visitation of the town did, apparently, a great deal of good, and though we have had no very marked revival, yet there was much religious interest during the winter, and from sixteen to twenty have been received to the church on profession of their faith."

A very precious revival has been enjoyed at Wilton. It commenced very quietly. The prayer-meetings had been sustained during the fall with unusual interest, and there was an obvious thoughtfulness which became more marked after the Week of Prayer. Says the pastor: "A prominent business man came to me in the street, and said that both he and his wife had found the Savior. This was my first knowledge of his interest. He came into our meetings, and made known his feelings with deep effect. Conversions followed from this time. We began to have extra meetings, and neighboring ministers were invited to assist us. We had no evangelist, but the presentation of the truth by neighboring ministers, in whom we had the highest confidence, produced a most powerful impression. There was nothing like undue pressure. Every brother who was with me preached or exhorted in a spirit of quiet earnestness. Eight of the neighboring ministers preached during the time. A. W Sawyer, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Nashua, also rendered valuable service. Our interest seemed to be confined mostly to adults, though a considerable number of the young were brought in. At one time there were seven heads of families (fourteen in all) in middle life, indulging hope. A noticable feature was the activity of the converts in prayer-meetings. I endeavor to put my young people to work at once. Only those who understand the struggle through which this church has passed, and which it is still enduring, to sustain evangelical truth, can fully appreciate what the Lord has done for us." Forty have united with the church, and others will do so. The pastor names as lessons taught by the work: (1) The value of the influence of pastors over the neighboring churches in seasons of revival. (2) The importance of well-organized work in developing the lay element of the church. (3) The power of prayer. It has been

wonderfully illustrated in this revival, in the case of Christian wives praying for unconverted husbands. (4) The value of quiet but continuous effort, with faith in the means used.

The various churches in the city of Concord have been blessed by a work of grace, of which the pastor of the South Church sends some account, as follows: "Giving God all the glory, we say that the immediate apparent cause of the revival was the labors of Elder Hook, who instituted a series of so-called union meetings at Phenix Hall. The real remote cause was, the labors of Christian young men and women in various parts of the city, preparing the ground for the seed. As part of the result in our churches, the North Church received twenty-two by profession, on the Sabbath previous to the pastor's departure for Europe. Twenty have been received by profession in the South Church, and five more stand propounded for admission in September. Among these are some of the leading men of the city, heads of families, men who testify that they have tried every shift save the cross of Christ, and found all else fail to give satisfaction. The very atmosphere of the streets and shops has seemed filled with the Spirit's presence. It was safe to address any man on the subject of religion, and he would give you serious and respectful attention. In the coach shops the transformation was remarkable. Profanity has abounded there, but now scarcely an oath is heard; at least it was so at the time of the interest. This revival has fully attested that God recognizes *the church* as his earthly agent of power. Because when the interest began to culminate in the churches, and came under the immediate control of the pastors, those influences which incline against church organizations began materially to decline in their hold upon the masses."

The last of these special experiences of blessing which is to be named is one enjoyed by the First Church in Dover during the winter. I can but quote in full the account which the pastor gives of it, because it is so eminently adapted to instruct and gladden us. He says: "The Week of Prayer was observed by my church both in union with other churches and by itself. The interest attending and following these meetings was very hopeful. All through the winter weeks there was a growing

concern in the minds of men, in respect to spiritual things, as evidenced in the large attendance at our Sunday services and at the meetings for prayer during the week, in the tender and often deep feeling then manifested, and especially in the very general willingness among men to speak and to be spoken to about religious matters. And yet genuine and pervasive as was this interest, there was no decisive movement anywhere. There was a general reluctance to confess Christ, and to commit oneself irrevocably to him. But by God's grace there came a change. And this change I trace to a single circumstance. I noticed among my hearers one evening a certain man with an air of more than usual seriousness about him. I determined to see him that night in his own home. I followed him there, and going in I told him at once that I had come to talk with him about his spiritual state, and I could not but hope that he himself was anxious to tell me frankly his thoughts and feelings. Before these first words were finished, the man bowed his face in his hands, and his great form shook in the movements of feelings too strong for his voice to utter. The first words which he could master were expressive of his thankfulness that I had at last come to him to speak to him of Christ. He said that he had left his home a score of times for the purpose of seeing me in my study. He had often come to my door, and as often he had turned back. And this his indecision had been his wretchedness as well as his sin. But now he felt as if a burden had been lifted from him. He was ready for the most open acknowledgment, and for any service to which his Savior called him. I urged him to a frank confession of his new found faith and joy before the men who worked with him. He did so, beginning by acknowledging to one, towards whom he had had unkind feelings, acknowledging his wrong, and asking forgiveness. The fire of divine grace enkindled in this strong man's heart, thus fanned by his own activity, spread quickly and far. He brought to my room in the course of a week eight or ten of his associates, men of strong, sterling sense and character, many of them fathers. These meetings, kept up through the winter and spring, were full of blessing. The convictions which these men had of their sin and their need

of a Savior, their clear-eyed faith, their boundless trust, their profound peace—it was the very gospel of Christ to my own heart.

I think that there is much fruit yet to be gathered, the result of last winter's sowing and growth. If from this brief review I am able to point out a single fact which may serve as a useful hint to my brethren in their work of saving men, it is this: While you pray for them, and preach to them in all manner of faithfulness, forget not to *speak* with them, asking God for skill and for opportunity to that end."

In closing this narrative, already too protracted, let me express in the fewest possible words what seem to be some of the lessons of guidance and good cheer which the Lord would bring to our hearts by these experiences.

One of these, old and yet ever new, is the *power of prayer.* You have observed how often in the history of the year, special blessings have been connected with the Week of Prayer. Yet what we need is not so much faith in the power of prayer at particular seasons, as of *all* prayer, at every time. Speculation may raise difficulties which cannot at once be solved, but christain experience is ever bringing new confirmation to God's promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive."

The experiences of the year also unite remarkably in enforcing upon us the value of *personal conversation* upon the subject of religion, and the exerting of Christian influence at the *homes* of men.

They also say to us, "Use such *present* opportunities as God gives. Drive the *entering* wedge. Great blessing came in some of the instances narrated, through the use of opportunities of immediate influence over individuals. God's children often lose much power by waiting for *great* things,—for special opportunities,—for a revival. They should lovingly, hopefully, believingly use the *present* opportunities, being "instant in season and out of season."

Then again, there is much in these experiences to remind us of the *constant nearness of the Holy Spirit.* How has it come to pass, dear brethren, that in the assemblies of Christians there is so much untrue, discouraging talk and prayer implying that the

Holy Spirit is *far* from us? Is there not often, in the manner in which the Holy Spirit is asked for, too much like the clamorous repetitions, the desparing cries of the priests of Baal—too little of the calm, steadfast trust of Elijah? The promise of our Lord to all his people, is to give the Holy Spirit "as fathers give good gifts to their children." All our asking for the gift, then, ought to be in a *childlike* spirit, and above all with constant recognition how much we *do* receive, in our daily lives, of his holy presence.

And as we recognize it in our own experience and that of others, let us *praise* God, and *rejoice* in Him. There is an obvious tendency among Christians in our own State and everywhere, to a life of more *praise*—more trustful *reception* of the spiritual blessings of God. Thus is promoted a stronger, richer style of Christian character, more like that of the Psalms and the New Testament. May all our churches and all their members be led more fully into the spirit of remembrance of the loving-kindness of the Lord, and of praise to His name.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

OBITUARY RECORD.

Rev. Reuben Kimball died in North Conway, November 18, 1871. He was born in Warner, N. H., April 29, 1803. His parents, Jeremiah and Molly (Foot) Kimball, were worthy and respectable citizens; regular attendants upon the means of grace, though not professing Christians until late in life, when they became members of the Congregational church. They were dependent for a livelihood upon the cultivation of the soil, in which hardy and healthful occupation Reuben and an elder brother were brought up, in habits of laborious industry, through the entire period of their minority. The reliance of the parents was chiefly placed on their younger son, to continue with them upon the homestead; the elder, who was his senior by some years, having gone from home while his brother was yet a youth. There was that, too, in the dutiful and affectionate spirit of this son, which led them, particularly the mother, to look upon him as "*the* one to live at home and have the farm," and be the solace of their advancing age.

The son, however, had been earnestly desirous from a boy to obtain an education. He liked his book better than the farm, and, as he grew up, made the best possible use of the means of intellectual culture within his reach. His parents, not seeing, perhaps, at first, whereunto this would grow, encouraged his bent in this direction, by giving him the best opportunities in their power. These were supplemented by his own persevering endeavors—teaching when he became qualified, to procure the means of extending his privileges at the Academy. He proposed to his parents, if they would consent to his leaving home to obtain an education, that he would educate himself, and

would never ask for any portion of the patrimonial estate. But to this they did not feel that they could consent; and the appeal of the mother to the tenderness and fidelity of his filial affection, was more than he could resist, and he determined, as a dutiful son, to remain at home with his parents.

In this expectation, Mr. Kimball was married, May 21, 1829, to Miss Judith Colby, daughter of John and Sarah Colby, of Warner. His condition in life seemed now to be permanently settled. His mind, however, was not at rest. A year or two before his marriage he had become the subject of renewing grace, and at the age of twenty-four, united with the Congregational church in his native town. His aspirations for an education were thus revived and quickened, and more definitely directed towards the important sphere of usefulness to which his steps were ultimately guided. With this providentially concurred the establishment of the Gilmanton Theological Seminary, in his near neighborhood; in which facilities were afforded to persons desirous of entering the ministry, who could not take a full college course, to obtain their object by an abbreviated or condensed system of classical and theological studies. He heard of some who had removed their families into the vicinity of the Institution, for the purpose of receiving its benefits. He was induced to visit the Seminary, and to open his mind to the professors, who encouraged him in his desire, provided he could make it compatible with his duty to his parents. Again, therefore, he broke the subject to them, stating the encouragement he had received, and, to his great gratification, found them ready with their cheerful consent; for they had themselves, not long ere this time, become experimentally acquainted with the disinterested spirit of the gospel. He now joined the Seminary, and with all his heart pursued its course of study, and graduated with honor in 1840. His license to preach the gospel he received from the Hopkinton Association.

Mr. Kimball's first field of labor was at Kittery Point, Me., where he was ordained January 27, 1841. He remained here about nine years, until his dismission, January 9, 1850. From Kittery he went to Andover and Wilmot, in this State, labor-

ing half of the time in each place, for the first two years, and afterwards, for three years, exclusively in Wilmot.

In December 1855, Mr. Kimball commenced his ministry in Conway. The church here was small, and so situated, territorially, as to make it necessary to maintain worship in two places—one at Conway Corner, so called, and the other at North Conway, four miles distant from each other. Mr. Kimball resided for some time with the people at the Corner, but more recently at North Conway, preaching every Sabbath in both places. The population at the North was much increased during his ministry, through the summer months especially, owing to the large numbers from the cities who resort to this locality at that season, for health and recreation. This peculiar feature of his parochial charge in Conway, rendered his post one of much responsibility, and, to a somewhat shrinking and sensitive spirit like his, one of no small solicitude and wearing anxiety. Yet it was here, and on these accounts, that his rare ministerial gifts and peculiar traits of personal excellence were rendered eminently conspicuous, through the many appreciative minds upon which successively they shone, and which have carried sacred remembrances of him, as a model minister, into all parts of the country, and of the world even. His parish, under the shadows of the great mountains, was one of the high places of our American Zion.

His ministry here continued until about two years before his death; when his health, for a long time slender, becoming more seriously impaired, he felt his strength to be insufficient for so arduous a service, and resigned his pastorate. Subsequently, however, he performed missionary labors in some destitute sections of the county, under a commission at large from the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. He was specially instrumental of a good work in Effingham, in procuring the repair of the dilapidated meeting-house of the well-nigh extinct Congregational church there, with whom he resided and labored for several months.

It was a pleasure to Mr. Kimball to be actively employed in the Master's service, and he used every degree of his remaining strength in the work of the ministry, so long as opportunity

was granted him. A very useful department of labor, in which he embarked with characteristic efficiency while at Conway, was that of the Bible distribution, throughout a large and destitute section of the county of which that place was the center. For this work he was admirably fitted, by happily combining with the agency the labor of an evangelist—awakening attention and winning interest in the minds of the careless and ignorant, especially children, in behalf of the divine word, which they were induced to receive at his hands.

As a minister, Mr. Kimball was eminently faithful and devoted. While he often lamented that he had not enjoyed advantages for obtaining a more thorough education, yet seldom, if ever, was any deficiency in this respect apparent in his public performances. He made diligent and successful use of all the helps, literary and professional, which were at his command. His knowledge of the Bible was intimate and extensive. His faith in its doctrines was sound and discriminating. His preaching was serious, plain, practical, direct, tender. While he was the farthest possible from being harsh or dogmatic in his style of address, yet he was never deterred by the fear of man from a full and faithful setting forth of unwelcome truths. The visible fruits of his labors were many, and of a desirable character. While there were no very extensive revivals under his ministry, there were frequent seasons of awakened religious interest, in which some were converted, and a few at a time were added to the church. His ministry was peculiarly adapted to promote the spiritual edification of believers. As a man and as a Christian he was himself an example to the flock, having also a good report of them that were without.

Mr. Kimball was eminently happy in his domestic relations—the wife of his youth, who survives him, having advanced with equal step, from the humble and private sphere in which they began life together, through every stage of its more elevated and responsible duties, as a helpmeet, and in full sympathy with the joys and sorrows incidental to his work. Of nine children born to them, three sons and two daughters are living, to illustrate in their Christian lives the success of a judicious, godly training; while those that have gone before left lovely evi-

dence of their preparation for the better life above.

The last days of the life of this beloved man of God, though oppressed with bodily suffering, were serene and peaceful. He labored to the last in the Bible distribution; and when he gave it up, realizing that he should not return to it again, he expressed regret that he should not be able to finish all that he had hoped to accomplish, as he had enjoyed these labors much. and felt that therein he was doing good. But then he immediately acquiesced in his heavenly Father's will, saying that "he might as well go now as any time." A member of the church. who came in to see him, said he would like to know his views while looking upon death as near. He said, in reply, that he had not those ecstacies which some have spoken of, but he could *trust* in his Savior now, as in life he had professed to do. Two or three days before his death, while his power of speech remained, in the morning, after a chapter had been read, he wanted the children to sing a hymn; and then, saying he would try to pray, he offered up a prayer in which he commended all his family and friends, and the church to his heavenly Father for protection, being quite exhausted by the effort. This was his last audible prayer on earth; and for the last twelve hours, he did not speak nor move a muscle, but lay as quiet as though dead, until he ceased to breathe.

"*Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.*" To his brethren in the ministry, and his Christian friends, his death seemed sudden and premature. He worked up to the last few days, and we knew not of his danger until it was over. "*He walked with God, and was not; for God took him.*"

S. H. R.

Rev. Benjamin Franklin Ray, acting pastor of the church in New Ipswich, was called to rest on the first Sabbath of the year. He was born in Burke, Vt., April 11, 1824, of a large family in moderate circumstances, and his purpose to seek an education and prepare for the ministry, was late in development. It might never have been formed but for the encouragement and

generous aid of Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., of St. Johnsbury. He saw the sterling qualities of the young man, and the result of his counsels was that after preparation at the academy which Mr. Fairbanks has so generously sustained, he entered Dartmouth College, and graduated with honor in the class of 1851. This was a class of distinguished ability, but no one of its members commanded more respect in his course than Mr. Ray.

After a year of teaching, he entered the Seminary at Andover, and pursued his studies with the class of 1855. His first settlement was at McIndoe's Falls, in Barnet, Vt., where he was ordained March 2, 1856, and remained till August 30, 1859. Removing to Hartford, Vt., he was installed February 7, 1860, and his pastorate continued till July 11, 1870, and his labors were of signal ability and value. The church was in a somewhat depressed condition when he came to it, but he gathered its forces about him, encouraged and led them forward, and the work of the Lord prospered in his hand. During the ten years he received 142 members to the church, 98 being by profession of faith. He especially drew the younger members of the community into active service. The congregation and Sabbath School increased, and the hearts of the people were bound to their pastor strongly and tenderly. An earnest and able preacher, a diligent pastor, and zealous in every good word and work, he spared not himself, but labored abundantly, and probably beyond his strength, commending himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. He was highly honored among the pastors of Vermont, and was the appointed preacher before the General Convention, at the time when failing health compelled him to resign his charge.

In the winter of 1870, the seeds of incurable disease began to develop, and after some months, he was led to hope that he could do more work while life remained and more comfortably by a change of place. His people yielded reluctantly, and only to his urgency, in consenting to his dismission.

He then removed to New Ipswich, where, with failing strength and life wasting away, he toiled as diligently and earnestly as ever for his Master. The strongest testimony is borne to the value of his eighteen month's service to that church. He

would not rust out, and until within a day or two of his death, he was busy at his loved work. December 20, 1871, he was permitted to return to Hartford and assist in installing his successor. Returning he wrote a sermon and preached once more on the last Sabbath of the year: then went to his rest.

H. A. H.

Rev. Harrison Otis Howland, was a native of West Brookfield, Mass. Of his childhood and youth the writer knows nothing, except that when quite young he lost his mother by death. He became an apprentice to his brother in Worcester, Mass., in the business of book-binder. And from this place, in 1835, he entered the Classical Department of Leicester Academy for the purpose of fitting himself for College and the ministry. At this time he was a member of the church, but how long he had been such I cannot tell. It was while at the Academy that the writer became acquainted with him, which acquaintance soon grew into an unusual intimacy, and resulted in an undying friendship.

He entered Amherst College in the Class of 1840, where he at once took a high stand for thorough scholarship. He was not brilliant, but diligent and earnest. He graduated in 1841 with an oration, which at that time showed that there were but few better scholars in the class. It was the writer's privilege to room with him during his Junior year, and it gives him much pleasure to testify to the purity of his moral and Christian character, a character free from the follies which too often mar the lives of even Christian students.

After graduating from College Mr. Howland went to the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., from which, in due time, he entered the ministry. He was settled first at Ashland, N. Y.

In 1852, the writer had the pleasure of introducing his friend, and former classmate and chum, to the church in Warner, N. H., and January 4, 1854, of giving him the Right Hand of Fellowship at his installation as pastor of that church.

While at Warner he was indefatigable in his effort to interest, instruct and profit his people. His written sermons were the fruit of profound study. He never aimed to be sensational.

Under the guidance of the same Spirit that indited the word, he labored to bring forth its meaning from the Hebrew and the Greek, and in chaste English present it to his people. His composition excelled in logic rather than in rhetoric, although in the latter it was by no means deficient. Many of his discourses were unwritten, but in extemporaneous preaching he did not especially excel.

In his efforts to please the young he made a large number of charts, illustrative of the subjects he wished to elucidate. He was very happy and fruitful in questions calculated to make others think, showing activity of mind and research on his own part. Like too many, crowded with labor for others' good, he was too neglectful of physical exercise, and the use of other means for the preservation of his own health.

His papers, read before his ministerial brethren at their meetings of Association, possessed great merit, and were almost above criticism. They were on a great variety of subjects, rich in thought, and happily expressed.

Mr. Howland had several children of such an age as to require different educational privileges from those then afforded by the schools in Warner; and his small salary did not enable him to educate them away from home. This was a leading reason which prompted him to leave Warner, and accept an invitation to a pastorate in Chester in the same state. Of his labors there, as well as in Pennsylvania and New York, after leaving N. H., I am unable to speak with any definiteness.

He was stricken with paralysis some time before his death, which occurred at Kinderhook, N. Y., February 13, 1872, at the age of 59 years.

J. M. R. E.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund would hereby report to the General Association of New-Hampshire that their annual meeting was held in Concord, on the 5th day of June, 1872. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, and the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., *President.*
Rev. William R. Jewett, *Secretary.*
Shadrach Seavy, Esq., *Treasurer.*
Asa McFarland, Esq., *Auditor.*
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.,
Rev. William R. Jewett, } *Executive Committee.*
Shadrach Seavy, Esq.,

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held immediately after the adjournment of the Trustees, it was voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to three aged clergymen in needy circumstances; the sum of two hundred dollars to eight widows in restricted circumstances.

The donations for the year closing May 31st, 1872 have been as follows:

FOR THE WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Piscataqua Association,	6.00
Congregational Church, Gilsum	2.30
" " Rindge,	3.00
Ladies of Exeter,	26.00
Legacy of Mrs. C. E. Merrill,	82.70
	120.00

FOR THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Congregational Church, Littleton,	$9.00
" " Candia,	28.00
Rev. J. Cook,	1.00
Union Congregational Church, Peterborough,	9.00
Congregational Church, Acworth,	6.50
First Church, Manchester,	63.45
Contribution of General Association,	59.30
Congregational Church, Cornish,	10.00
" " Winchester,	7.90
A friend in Hanover,	2.00
Legacy of Mrs. Hannah Stevens,	50.00
First Congregational Church, Concord,	13.61
Congregational Church, Hopkinton,	10.75
Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville,	15.00
Congregational Church, Fisherville,	29.17
Miss Ruth Johnson, Fisherville,	5.00
Congregational Church, Stratham,	10.25
" " Sanbornton,	20.00
South Congregational Church, Concord,	40.33
Congregational Church, Pembroke,	15.00
" " Deerfield,	8.05
" " Boscawen,	12.00
" " Northfield and Tilton,	17.50
Rev. Jacob Chapman,	5.20
Rev. Asa Mann,	25.00
	$473.01

In reviewing the year, the Trustees must again express their regret that so little interest is taken in this charity by the ministers and churches generally in the State. Only nineteen of the one hundred and ninety-one churches connected with our Body have seen fit to comply with the recommendation of the General Association, by transmitting donations to the treasurer of our Fund. From most of the strongest and wealthiest churches in the State, we have not received a shilling during the past year. Yet, at this hour we are relieving the wants of aged clergymen, and the widows and orphans of clergymen who, without our help, would suffer for the necessaries of life.

The Trustees of the fund, who are entrusted with the distribution of the bounty of the churches, have peculiar opportunity

to learn the trying situation of poor, aged clergymen, and the widows of such. Some of the applications for assistance are expressed in the most sensitive, delicate, and affecting words. We often regret that our funds are so limited, and our means so inadequate to relieve the wants of these classes, who have such just claims on our kindness and charity.

The pastors in a large number of our societies, seldom receive sufficient compensation, so that they can make suitable provision for their families, after they have been removed from the world. Seldom are they in such easy circumstances, as to decline to receive gifts from their parishioners in addition to the stipulated salaries. And it is a pleasant thought that the hearts of pastors are often filled with thankfulness upon receiving tokens of kindness from those to whom they minister in spiritual things, and they are ready to offer the prayer of Nehemiah, in behalf of those generous friends, "The Lord look upon them, according to all that they have done for thy servants."

But useful, as good pastors are, and beloved and esteemed, as they often are by their people, yet, they are not suffered to continue by reason of death. Then a great change takes place in their families, when their wives become widows and their children fatherless. The source from whence their supplies were drawn is closed. Accustomed to all the comforts, and in a measure to the refinements of life, they feel keenly the deprivation of them, and are poorly prepared to endure the poverty into which they are plunged. For a time they may continue to receive attentions, favors, and even liberal presents from the people with which the departed husband or faher was connected. But this does not ordinarily last long. Another minister engages the thoughts and the liberality of the people. Deprived of this resource, bereft of the companion of her life, the object of her warmest attachments, the means of her support, the protector of her children, and their only earthly dependence, the afflicted widow has reason to say to the former associates and friends of her husband, "Have pity upon me, O ye my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me."

Now, it was for the relief of such persons, that our Fund was established. We ask you to contribute liberally for the relief

of those, who have deserved well of the churches, and who have proved their attachment to the cause of Christ, by lives of self-denial, and so far as this world is concerned, by ill requited labors.

We ask you to contribute for the relief of those who are not obtrusive in disclosing their wants; who shrink from public notice, and rather suffer for the want of those comforts which they once possessed.

Is there a more certain evidence of our possessing the genuine spirit of benevolence, than our having compassion for, and furnishing relief to, the poor and those who have none to help them?

The declaration is made by an inspired apostle, that "Pure religion and undefiled, before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Our Master, when he was upon the earth, set us an example of manifesting sympathy and kindness to those who were in want and sorrow, particularly to the widow and the orphan. It was the only son of a widow, whom he raised from the dead, at the gate of the city of Nain, and may we not believe that compassion for her deep and overwhelming distress was one motive that led to the performance of this miracle?

In concluding, the Trustees cannot but repeat what has been already said. We regret that our funds are so limited, and our means so inadequate to relieve the wants of the excellent persons who solicit our help.

We propose to persevere in the discharge of our duty, hoping that the churches will be more disposed to assist us, and that God will raise up generous friends, who will increase our funds, and enable us more effectually to answer the ends of this sacred charity.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

FISHERVILLE, August, 1872.

ADDRESS OF THE NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the General Association in 1871, "to consider the expediency of establishing a Congregational Newspaper in New-Hampshire," beg leave to bring the subject to the notice of the ministers and laymen of the Denomination through the medium of the printed Minutes.

Hon. John Kimball, being unable to serve, Rev. S. L. Blake was appointed to the vacancy, and has acted with the Committee.

Four meetings of the Committee were held during the year, for mutual discussion of the subject and for consultation with men of eminent piety, of tried financial ability, and experience in the publication of Newspapers.

Three propositions have been laid before them by as many publishers, to undertake the publication of such a journal independently; and two to publish in connection with other papers, none of which combined all the advantages which the Committee unanimously considered requisite to a permanent success.

That a good, family, religious newspaper, devoted primarily to the interests of Congregationalism in New-Hampshire is much needed by the Ministers, Churches, and Benevolent Societies of the State, is not only admitted, but earnestly contended by many men of comprehensive views, distinguished piety, and large experience of affairs. The Congregational Churches being by their constitution independent, are *too* independent and individually isolated for their highest co-operative efficiency and usefulness.

Some regular and frequent medium of communication between churches, societies, ministers, and people, would tend to foster and strengthen the bonds of fellowship, and increase the fraternal interest which ought to exist among us; and, by abating

somewhat the individualism which inheres in churches and communities as well as in men, give unity and power to the Denomination.

Our Missionary, Bible, and other benevolent societies need methods less cumbrous and inconvenient than those they are now obliged to adopt, by which they may reach not only the ministers, but the people of the churches. Our College and institutions of learning need facilities for making known their scope, inducements, ability, times and seasons, which they now have not. Churches in want of ministers, and ministers in want of churches are greatly retarded in supplying their wants, through lack of any means by which they may be made known.

And many persons, even ministers not too wise to learn, feel that they would be enriched and encouraged if the best thoughts and mature opinions of able brethren in the ministry could be communicated to them week by week; while it is much easier to underrate than overrate the usefulness of such a paper as a means of Christian education in the family.

Whether such a paper can or cannot be sustained in New-Hampshire depends entirely on the interest taken in the matter by the pastors of the churches. If they thoroughly feel the necessity of it to the highest usefulness of the Denomination in the State, it will not be difficult to obtain the three thousand subscribers, without which it would scarcely be prudent to undertake its publication. If they do not, no amount of individual enterprise or capital that could be enlisted in it, would insure its success.

The question is not, whether it will be equal to, or will take the place of, all or any one of the great, metropoliton, religious journals; nor whether ministers or people can get as much matter, or as able disquisitions, for the same amount of money as in such journals; but whether the Congregational Churches of New-Hampshire shall unite their energy, their enterprise, their sanctified ability and individual power for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom through the Congregational Denomination in the State. Whether we shall have opportunity to make known, and discuss questions of eminent importance in the State. Whether we shall be able to record and

to publish the deeds of those who have done or have suffered great things for the faith. Whether our local and general religious bodies shall have means of advertising the people of their times and places of meeting, and what they propose to do. In short, whether Congregationalism with us shall become a strong, vigorous and aggressive power, with churches drawn together by a common sympathy, and cemented by fraternal love.

The Committee invite the attention of all to the resolution passed by the General Association on the 28th of August, found on p. 15 of these Minutes; and request a response from the brethren throughout the State.

SILAS KETCHUM, *Chairman.*

BRISTOL, October 11, 1871.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with H. S. HUNTINGTON, *Treasurer.*

1871.		Cr.
Aug. 22.	To balance in Treasury,	$110.91
Aug. 22.	From Strafford Conference, for 1870–71,	24.00
Aug. 26.	From Rockingham Conference, for 1870–71,	32.00
Nov. 13.	From Grafton Conference, for 1870–71,	22.00
Nov. 13.	From Coos Conference, for 1870–71,	5.00
1872.		
June 19.	From Hillsborough Conference, for 1871–72,	$65.00
June 19.	From Cheshire Conference, for 1871–72,	29.00
June 29.	From Rockingham Conference, for 1871–72,	40.00
July 27.	From Sullivan Conference, for 1871–72,	15.00
Aug. 28.	From Strafford Conference, for 1871–72,	30.00
Aug. 28.	From Merrimack Conference, for 1871–72,	37.00
	Total,	$409.91

1871.		Dr.
Nov. 20.	McFarland & Jenks' bill for printing 1500 copies of the minutes,	$279.69
1872,		
June 10.	Printing of Blanks,	$7.25
Aug. 14.	Printing of Blanks,	2.50
Aug. 27.	Postage, Stationery, and expressage on Minutes,	31.76
Aug. 28.	Postage on Sabbath School Circulars,	.50
	Total,	$321.70
	Balance in Treasury,	88.17
		$409.91

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast, and supported by proper vouchers.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

ABBREVIATIONS. P., Pastor; A. P., Acting Pastor; W. C., without Charge.

I. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Formed April 20, 1841. QUINCY BLAKELY, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Wm. F. Bacon.	Laconia.		Bangor, 1865	Sept. 26, 1867	A. P.
Almon Benson,	Centre Harbor.		Gilmanton, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	W. C.
Joseph Blake, D. D.,	Gilmanton.	Bowdoin, 1835	Bangor, 1249	Mar. 3, 1841	P.
Quincy Blakely,	Campton.	Univ. Vt., 1854	Union. 1857	Feb. 16, 1859	P.
John Clark,	Plymouth.			Jan. 23, 1835	W. C.
Liba Conant,	Orford.	Brown. 1819		May 29, 1823	W. C.
James B. Hadley,	Campton.	Amherst, 1833	Andover, 1836	Sept. 20, 1838	W. C.
Giles Leach.	Meredith.	Amherst, 1829	Andover, 1832	Feb. 6, 1833	W. C.
Cyrus Richardson.	Plymouth.	Dartmouth. 1864	Andover, 1869	Sept. 30, 1869	P.
M. T. Runnels,	Sanbornton.	Dartmouth, 1853	The. Ins. Ct, 1856	Aug. 13, 1856	P.
Harvey M. Stone,	Rochester.		Bangor. 1847	Nov. 2, 1848	P.
I. F. Tobey,	Centre Harbor.		Hartford. 1871		A. P.
John K. Young.	Hopkinton.	Dartmouth, 1821	Andover, 1829	Sept. 24, 1829	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Tuesday before the last Sabbath in January and October, and second Tuesday of May and August.

II. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 19, 1799. Reorganized February 5, 1861. SAMUEL L. GEROULD, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Augustus Berry,	Pelham.	Amherst, 1851		Oct. 30, 1861	P.
David Bremner.*	Derry, East.	Dartmouth, 1850	Andover, 1853	May 2, 1855	P.
E. W. Bullard.	Hampstead.	Miami Univ., '34	Lane.	Aug. 8, 1838	A. P.
F. G. Clark.	Manchester.	Amherst, 1862	Andover, (spec. course) 1869	Sept. 2, 1869	City Mis'y.
M. A. Gates.*	Salem.	Mich. Univ., '55	Auburn, 1858	Sept. 2, 1858	A. P.
Joshua S. Gay,	Auburn.	Amherst. 1841	Andover, 1845	Jan. 27, 1847	A. P.
Samuel S. Gerould.	Goffstown.	Dartmouth, 1858	Union, 1861	Oct. 2, 1861	P.
Robert Haskins,*	Derry.				P. elect.
William House,	Londonderry.	College, N.J., '54	Princeton. 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	P.
Chas. L. Hubbard.	Merrimack.	Dartmouth. 1865	Andover, 1868	Sept. 2, 1868	P.
Jesse Page.	Atkinson.	Dartmouth. 1831	Andover. 1835	Sept. 16, 1835	A. P.
E. G. Parsons.	Byfield. Mass.	Bowdoin, 1833	Andover 1 year Bangor 2 yrs. 1837	Oct. 4, 1837	T'eh'r.
Charles Tenney,	Chester,	Dartmouth. 1835	Bangor. 1840	Feb. 7, 1844	P.
W. J. Tucker,	Manchester.	Dartmouth. 1861	Andover, 1866	Jan. 24, 1867	P.
Ira C. Tyson.	Bedford.		Union. 1862	Oct. 7, 1862	P.
C. W. Wallace.	Manchester.		Gilmant n. 1838	Jan. 8, 1840	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October.
*Within the limits but not members of the Association.

III. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 4, 1834. SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Nathaniel Barker.	Wakefield.	Dartmouth. 1822	Andover, 1825	Nov. 1. 1826	W. C.
James Doldt.	Canterbury			Dec. 26. 1843	A. P.
Thomas V. Haines.	No. Hampton.			Feb. 1. 1861	P.
Otis Holmes.	Ronkonkouia. Long Island.				
Samuel H. Riddel,	Tamworth.	Yale. 1823	Andover. 1826	June 27, 1827	A. P.
Horace Wood.	Gilsum.		Gilmanton.	1839	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, and second Tuesday of May, July and October.

IV. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 5, 1762. D. E. ADAMS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
D. E. Adams,	Wilton.		Bangor, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	P.
Frederick Alvord,	Nashua.	Yale, 1855	Hartford, 1857	July 21, 1858	P.
J. S. Black,	Nashua.	Congregational Edinburgh.	Theo. Hall, Scotland. 1869	Mar. 31, 1870	P.
Wm. Clark, D. D.,	Amherst.	Dartmouth, 1822	Andover, 1837	Apr. 30, 1828	Sec'y.
J. G. Davis, D. D.,	Amherst.	Yale, 1836	Union. 1841	May 22, 1844	P.
Walter Follet,	Temple.	Middlebury, '25	Andover, 1829	Oct. 17, 1832	W. C.
Daniel Goodwin,	Mason.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1838	Feb. 22, 1839	P.
George Goodyear,	Temple.	Yale, 1824	Yale, 1828	July 22, 1828	W. C.
S. H. Keeler, D. D.,	Mont-Vernon.	Middlebury, '26	Andover, 1829	Oct. 15, 1829	A. P.
James Laird,	Hollis.	Oberlin, 1861	Andover, 1864	Mar. 15, 1866	P.
Geo. F. Merriam,	Mason Village.	Amherst, 1861	Union, 1864	Mar. 7, 1865	P.
Jonathan McGee,	Nashua.	Williams, 1814	Andover, 1817	June 30, 1819	W. C.
Royal Parkinson,	Washing'n, D.C.	Dartmouth, 1842	Andover, 1847	Oct. 18, 1848	Clerk.
David Perry,	Hollis.	Dartmouth, 1824	Andover, 1827	May, 1828	W. C.
F. D. Sargent,	Brookline.	Amherst, 1866	Andover, 1869	Oct. 20, 1869	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

V. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 26, 1788. F. D. AYER, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
F. D. Ayer,	Concord.	Dartmouth, 1856	Andover, 1859	May 1, 1861	P.
G. I. Bard,	Dunbarton.	Univ., Vt., 1857	Andover, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	P.
S. L. Blake,	Concord.	Middlebury, '59	Andover, 1864	Dec. 7, 1864	P.
N. Bouton, D. D.,	Concord.	Yale, 1821	Andover, 1824	Nov. 23, 1825	W. C.
A. Burnham,	East Concord.	Dartmouth, 1852	Andover, 1857	Sept. 30, 1857	A. P.
E. Buxton,	Webster.			Apr. 10, 1836	P.
J. B. Cook,	Salisbury.		Bangor, 1849	Dec. 18, 1850	P.
C. Curtice,	Boscawen.		Gilmanton, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	A. P.
A. W. Fiske,	Fisherville.	Brown, 1829	Andover, 1832	May 8, 1833	W. C.
H. S. Huntington,	Warner.	Yale, 1857	Andover, 1862	Jan. 31, 1866	P.
W. R. Jewett,	Fisherville.	Amherst, 1831	Andover, 1834	Jan. 8, 1837	P.
H. A. Kendall,	East Concord.		Gilmanton, 1839	Oct. 21, 1840	W. C.
S. Ketchum,	Bristol.		Bangor, 1863	Sept. 17, 1867	A. P.
J. LeBosquet,	Lempster.			Sept. 12, 1836	A. P.
H. Moody,	East Andover.		Gilmanton,	Nov. 22, 1843	A. P.
S. S. Morrill,	Henniker.	Dartmouth, 1855	Chicago, 1859	May 12, 1859	P.
T. C. Pratt,	Tilton.	Amherst,	Andover, Resi't Licentiate, 1870	June 21, 1859	A. P.
H. B. Putman,	West Concord.	Amherst, 1860	Hartford, 1866	Oct. 28, 1868	P.
W. T. Savage, D D.,	Franklin.	Bowdoin, 1833	Lane, 1837	Oct. 3, 1838	P.
Geo. Smith,	Lyndeborough.			Aug. 9, 1853	A. P.
C. B. Tracy,	Wilmot.	Williams, 1826	Andover, 1829	Feb. 1830	A. P.
L. White,	Pembroke.	Dartmouth, 1846	Andover, 1849	Oct. 23, 1849	A. P.
Isaac Willey,	Pembroke.	Dartmouth, 1822		Jan. 18, 1825	Sec'y.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

VI. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 13, 1833. H. V. EMMONS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
H. V. Emmons.	Lancaster.	Amherst, 1854	Bangor, 1859	Nov. 15, 1860	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, and October. This Association is composed principally of members from Vermont.

VII. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Formed at Jaffrey, August 5, 1793. ELIJAH HARMON, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
S. H. Amsden,	West Dover, Vt.		New Hampton,	June 12t1856	A. P.
Z. S. Barstow,	Keene.	Yale, 1813	Pres't. Dwight.	July 1, 1818	W. C.
J. S. Batchelder,	Webster, Mass.,	Williams, 1852	Andover, 1856	Oct. 20, 1858	P.
L. Brigham,	Troy.	Williams, 1833	Andover, 1836	Mar. 15, 1837	P.
J. E. Burbank,		Dartmouth, 1848	Andover, 1851	Apr. 13, 1858	
R. Case,	Jaffrey.	Burlington, Vt.,	Drs. Marsh and Wheeler of B.	May 4, 1842	P.
H. H. Colburn	Washington.		Rev. S. Conant.	May 19, 1869	A. P.
W. E. Dickinson,	Walpole,	Amherst, 1855	Andover, 1858	Dec. 19, 1860	P.
T. W. Duncan,	Nelson.	Dartmouth, 1817	E. P. Bradford and Dr. Whilton.	June 13, 1831	W. C.
				Jun. 2 , 1865	A. P.
A. C. Field,	Wilmington, Vt.				
E. Harmon,	Winchester.	Amherst. 1861	Hartford. 1867	Oct. 17, 1567	P.
A. Holbrook,	Harrisville.			May 9, 1866	A. P.
W. S. Karr,	Keene.	Amherst, 1851	Union, 1854	Sept. 1, 1854	P.
J. A. Leach,	Keene.	Amherst, 1861	Andover, 1864	Feb. 1864	P.
G. Lyman,	Winchend'n, Ms.	Amherst, 1827	Andover, 1831	Jan. 11, 1832	W. C.
J. L. Merrill,	Marlborough.	Dartmouth, 1856	Princeton.	Oct. 1860	P.
J. F. Norton,	Fitzwilliam.	Yale, 1833	East Windsor Hill. 1837	Oct. 23, 1844	P.
C. Packard,	East Alstead.	Bowdoin, 1842	Bangor, 1845		A. P.
J. H. Rickett,	Drewsville.			Apr. 15, 1835	
T. E. Roberts,	Keene,	Jefferson, 1854	Andover, 1857	Mar. 28, 1861	Ins. Ag.
C. Willey,	Swanzey.		Andover. Res't Licentiate 1844	Sept. 1845	A. P.
H. Wood,	Gilsum.		Gilmanton,	July 10, 1839	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of May, August, October, and December.

VIII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 7, 1801. WM. S. PALMER, Wells River, Vt., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
N. F. Carter	Orfordville.	Dartmouth, 1853	Bangor, 1865	1867	A. P.
L. Conant,	Orford.	Brown 1819		May, 29, 1823	W. C.
E. H. Greeley,	Haverhill.	Dartmouth, 1845	Andover, 1849	Nov. 7, 1849	P.
D. S. Hibbard,	Wentworth.			July, 1860	A. P.
E. M. Kellogg,	Lyme.	Hamilton, 1840	Auburn. 1842	Oct. 26, 1842	P.
F. B. Knowlton,	Orford.			1865	A. P.
A. L. Marden,	Piermont.	Dartmouth, 1856	Union, 1859	May 30, 1861	P.
C. E. Milliken.	Littleton.	Dartmouth. 1857	Andover, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	P.
A. D. Smith, D. D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth. 1830	Andover. 1834	Nov. 2, 1834	*

*President of Dartmouth College.

TIMES OF MEETING. First Tuesday of February, May, and October.

This Association has from the first been composed of ministers from both Vermont and New-Hampshire.

IX. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Formed October 24, 1787. SYLVANUS HAYWARD, So. Berwick, Me., Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Geo. M. Adams,		Bowdoin, 1844	Andover, 1850	Sept. 18, 1851	
Joseph Bartlett,	So. Newmarket.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1843	Oct. 7, 1847	A. P.
Samuel Bowker,	Raymond.	Bowdoin,	Bangor, 1843	Dec. 8, 1844	P.
Swift Byington,	Exeter.	Yale, 1847	Andover, 1850	Nov. 17, 1852	P.
Jacob Chapman,	Kington.	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1839	June 23, 1845	A. P.
Charles Dame,	Exeter.	Bowdoin, 1835	Andover, 1838	May 29, 1839	*
Franklin Davis,	Newington.	Bowdoin, 1839	Bangor, 1845	Oct. 6, 1847	A. P.
E. D. Eldredge,	Kensington.	Amherst, 1829	And'v'r, 1 y. 1833	Apr. 4, 1838	A. P.
F. V. Haines,	No. Hampton.			Feb. 1, 1831	P.
Frank Haley,	Milton.		Andover, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	†
Ezra Haskell,	Dover.			1860	‡
Wm. C. Jackson.	Brentwood.	Dartmouth, 1831	Andover, 1835	Oct. 12, 1835	A. P.
John W. Lees	Lee.		Andover, 1870	Oct. 16, 1870	A. P.
Selah Merrill,	Salmon Falls.			1864	A. P.
A. B. Peabody,	Stratham.		Andover, 1859	May 24, 1860	P.
Edward Robie	Greenland.	Bowdoin, 1840	Andover, 1843	Feb. 25, 1852	P.
James W. Savage,	Dover.	Harvard,		Dec. 1863	A. P.
Geo. B. Spaulding,	Dover.	Univ. Vt., 1856	Andover, 1861	Oct. 5, 1861	P.
J. H. Stearns,	Epping.	Dartmouth. 1840	Andover, 1843	Nov. 6, 1844	A. P.
Harvey M. Stone,	Rochester.		Bangor, 1847	Nov. 2, 1848	P.
Geo. E. Street,	Exeter.	Yale, 1858	Yale, 1862	Apr. 6, 1864	P.
Geo. W. Thompson,	Stratham.			Apr. 29, 1840	Ins't.
Isaac C. White,	Newmarket.	Oberlin, 1845	Andover, 1849	Oct. 22, 1850	P.

*Book Agent; †Physician; ‡Acting Pastor at Barrington.

TIMES OF MEETING. Third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. This Asso-
ciation includes also several neighboring ministers in Maine.

X. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 26, 1829. CHARLES A. DOWNS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
E. E. P. Abbott,	Meriden.	Dartmouth, 1863	Andover, 1867	May 6, 1868	P.
Philander Bates,	Cornish.	Dartmouth, 1833	Andover, 1837	Feb.20, 1840	A. P.
B. R. Catlin,	Meriden.	Amherst,		Feb.21, 1865	W. C.
Edward W. Clark,	Boston.	Dartmouth, 1844	Andover, 1847	Jan. 1, 1850	W. C.
Charles A. Downs,	Lebanon.	N. Y. Univ.	Union,	May, 1849	P.
Levi Rogers,	Claremont,	Dartmouth, 1866	Andover, 1871	Oct. 19, 1871	P.
Jacob Scales,	Plainfield.	Dartmouth, 1817	Andover, 1820	Dec.27, 1820	W. C.
G. R. W. Scott,	Newport.	Middlebury, '04	Andover, 1807	Sept.17, 1868	P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, May, July, and October.

XI. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1809. WILLIAM O. CARR, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
W. O. Carr,	Barnstead.	Amherst 1857	Andover, 1860	Feb. 13, 1861	A. P.
Mark Gould,	Chichester,	Bowdoin, 1837	Andover, 1841	Oct. 8, 1841	A. P.
Jacob Chapman,	Deerfield,	Dartmouth, 1835	Andover, 1839	June 23, 1845	*
Chas. Peabody,	Epsom.	Williams, 1838	Andover, 1841	Dec. 10, 1841	*
N. S. Moore,	Gilmant'n I. W.	Yale, 1861	Andover, 1866	Nov. 11, 1868	A. P.
B. N. Stone,†	Loudon,	Amherst, 1863	Bangor, 1869	June 6, 1871	P.
H. A. Hazen,†	Pittsfield,	Dartmouth, 1854	Andover, 1857	Feb. 17, 1858	P.
Jeremiah Blake	Gilmant'n I. W.		Gilmanton,	1838	W. C.

*Formerly within the limits of the Association, and relation not yet removed; †within the limits, but not members of the Association.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October.

XII. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1812. GEO. DUSTAN, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
Asahel Bigelow,	Hancock.	Harvard, 1823	Andover, 1826	Mar.11, 1828	P.
E. B. Claggett,	Lyndeborough.		Andover, 1844	Sept.30, 1846	P.
W. R. Cochrane,	Antrim.	Dartmouth, 1859		Mar.18, 1869	P.
Geo. Dustan,	Peterborough.	Dartmouth, 1852	Andover, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	P.
Morris Holman,	Deering.	Amherst, 1837	Andover, 1840	Jan. 15, 1845	A. P.
James Holmes,	Bennington.	Dartmouth, 1837	Andover, 1841	June 22, 1842	A. P.
C. B. Tracy,	Wilmot.	Williams, 1826	Andover, 1829	Feb. 1830	A. P.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of May, August, and October. Winter meeting not regular.

XIII. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Formed, 1833. A. B. DASCOMB, Woodstock, Vt., Scribe.

Names of members.	Residences.	College.	Theo. Sem.	Ordained.	Emp-m'n't.
V. J. Hartshorne,	Enfield.	Dartmouth, 1860	Bangor, 1864	Jan. 16, 1865	A. P.
S. P. Leeds, D. D.,	Hanover.	N. Y. Univ. 1843	Union, 1846	June 18, 1851	P.
D. J. Noyes, D. D.,	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1832	Andover, 1836	May 3, 1837	*
Henry E. Parker,	Hanover.	Dartmouth' 1841	Union, 1847	Mar.13, 1849	*
John C. Proctor,	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1864	Andover, 1868	Li.Sep.14'69	*
Heman Rood,	Hanover.	Middlebury, '19	Andover, 1825	June 12, 1826	W. C.
E. D. Sanborn, LL.D.	Hanover.	Dartmouth, 1832	Andover, 1834	Ll.Nov.1,'36	*

*Professors in Dartmouth College.

TIMES OF MEETING. Second Tuesday of January, March, May, Juls, September, and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS MAY 31.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	1777	George Spaulding,	1848	S. S. 1871	9	20	29	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	70	$49.50
Alstead New (2d),	Nov.20, 1788	Charles Packard,	May 6, 1846	S.S.Jan.1871	33	55	88	13	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	90	57.41
Alstead (3d),	1842	Vacant.			6	17	22	6	0	6	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	85	0.00
Chesterfield,	1777	Vacant.			5	13	18	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Dublin, Trin. Cong.,	Nov.21, 1827	A. Holbrook,	May 9, 1866	S. S.Nov. '71	5	9	14	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3.00
Fitzwilliam,	Mar.17, 1771	John F. Norton,	Oct. 23, 1844	Sept.23,1868	36	95	131	22	0	1	1	2	6	0	8	0	3	210	329.52
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	July 10,1839	S. S. 1866	11	29	40	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	106	173.75
Harrisville,	1840	Amos Holbrook,	May 9, 1866	S.S. Nov. '71	12	31	43	16	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	156.00
Hinsdale,	Reorg. 1821	C. C. Watson,	July 11,1867	Dec. 13, 1871	37	91	128	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	194	230.45
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	May 4, 1842	Jan. 1867	30	69	99	30	0	0	0	4	1	1	6	0	0	120	206.00
Jaffrey, East,	1850	D. N. Goodrich,	June19,1865	S.S.Jun. 272	14	35	49	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	106	0.00
Keene (1st),	1738	Z.S. Barstow, D.D. Past'r Emeritus,	July 1, 1818	1818															
		W. S. Karr,	Sept. 1, 1854	1868	68	204	272	37	7	5	12	4	6	0	10	2	6	400	910.00
Keene (2d),	Oct. 15, 1867	Joseph A. Leach,	Feb. 1864	Sept.16, 1869	98	190	288	22	8	13	21	3	5	0	8	4	5	326	1401.75
Marlborough.	Nov. 11,1778	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 1860	May 2, 1871	50	103	153	30	2	7	9	1	3	0	4	1	2	206	336.97
Nelson,	Jan. 31, 1781	Vacant.			30	51	81	23	0	1	1	5	4	0	9	0	1	85	55.60
Rindge,	1765	Dennis Powers,	1838	S. S. 1870	62	109	171	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	240	81.45
Roxbury,	Aug.17, 1816	George L. Nims,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1872	5	11	16	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	30	0.00
Stoddard,	Sept.4, 1787	Vacant.			7	28	35	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	80	0.00
Sullivan,	Oct. 17, 1792	J. Fawcett, Meth.	Apr.14, 1861	S. S. 1871	30	45	75	16	2	0	2	4	2	0	6	1	0	90	32.59
Surry,	May 6, 1837	Vacant.			1	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0.00
Swanzey,	1741	Charles Willey,	Sept. 1845	S.S.Jan.'71	22	47	69	9	3	1	4	2	6	0	8	2	0	116	84.98
Troy,	Sept.17, 1815	Levi Brigham,	Mar.15, 1837	May 4, 187	25	39	64	9	1	2	3	2	3	0	5	1	0	113	204.11
Walpole,	1761	W. E. Dickinson,	Dec.19, 1860	June 2, 1870	22	70	92	15	5	3	8	0	2	0	2	4	0	163	224.70
Westmoreland,	1764	Vacant.			18	54	72	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
" Evang.,	1853	T. Fowler, Meth.	S. S.	April, 1870	4	18	22	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	0.00
Winchester,	1736	Elijah Harmon,	Oct. 17, 1867	Oct. 17, 1867	56	120	176	35	6	2	8	7	3	0	10	3	1	200	291.98
					695	1562	2257	406	37	43	80	46	55	2	103	20	19	3231	4,829.76

Churches, 26; Pastors, 9; Stated Supplies, 10; Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1831; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1831; Thomas E. Roberts, Keene, ordained March 28, 1861.

J. L. MERRILL, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To t	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1770	C. H. Smith,	Methodist.	S. S.	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Colebrook,	Nov. 30, 1802	Vacant.			26	49	75	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	*	0.00
Dalton,	1816	Vacant.			7	24	31	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0.00
Franconia,	April, 1814	John W. Durgin,	F. W. Bap.	S. S.	4	7	11	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	0.00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1872	G. F. Tewksbury,	June 31, '38	S. S., 1869	5	33	38	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	$70.00
Lancaster,	1784	H. V. Emmons,	Nov., 1809	Sept. 27, 1865	38	103	141	23	6	4	10	4	0	0	4	2	3	190	185.00
Littleton,	Mar. 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 186	Sept. 28, 1869	41	121	162	25	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	162	335.99
West Stewartstown,		Vacant.			4	23	27	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	32	0.00
					130	365	495	70	6	6	12	13	4	0	17	3	4	519	$590.99

Churches, 8; Pastors, 2; Stated Supplies 3 ; Vacant. 3. *Merged with the Methodist.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Secretary.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptism		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Vacant.			29	82	111	23	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	100	$140.00
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant.			1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bristol,	Nov. 15,1826	Silas Ketchum,	Sept.17,1867	S. S. 1866	48	73	121	19	8	1	9	1	1	0	2	6	1	200	125.00
Campton,	Jun. 1, 1874	Quincy Blakely,	Feb.16, 1859	June 29,1864	32	60	92	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	140	372.44
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			1	17	18	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	Vacant.			22	36	58	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	50	8.00
Dorchester,	May 20,1828	Vacant.			4	9	13	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	30	0.00
Enfield,	May, 1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 18,1865	S. S. 1866	7	32	39	2	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	6	0	60	18.00
Groton,	Nov. 9, 1803	Vacant.			8	12	20	6	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	50	8.00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2, 1805	S. P. Leeds, D. D.,	June 18,1851	July 10, 1861	110	144	254	112	5	2	7	0	7	0	7	4	2	175	542.41
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	Vacant.			25	53	78	31	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0.00
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7, 1849	Nov. 24,1869	54	126	180	43	9	0	9	2	6	0	8	7	1	100	273.70
Hebron,	June 12,1779	Vacant.			2	11	13	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	5.00
Lebanon,	Sept.29,1768	Cha's A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22,1849	58	136	194	10	9	7	16	4	0	0	4	6	0	80	160.00
Lebanon, West,	Nov. 9, 1849	A. B. Rich, D. D.,	Feb. 18, 1846	May 17, 1871	52	97	149	31	2	8	10	0	5	0	5	2	6	226	323.27
Lyme,	May 22, 1871	E. M. Kellogg,	Oct. 20, 1842	May 25, 1871	107	182	289	38	19	0	19	2	5	0	7	14	0	187	546.15
Orfordville,	Aug.17,1770	N. F. Carter,	Dec. 17,1867	S. S. 1869	44	61	105	10	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0	140	204.45
Orford, West,	Apr.30, 1822	F. B. Knowlton,	1865	S. S. 1871	27	58	85	27	8	0	16	0	1	0	1	8	2	106	159,78
Piermont,	1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	38	68	106	46	0	8	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	70	87.00
Plymouth,	1764	Cyrus Richardson,	Sept.30, 1869	Sept.30,1869	29	116	145	24	6	3	9	9	0	0	9	0	0	233	311.00
Thornton,	April1,1780	Vacant.			2	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wentworth,	1832	D. S. Hibbard,	July, 1869	S. S. 1871	10	47	57	17	1	0	1	0	6	0	6	1	0	120	104.00
					710	1428	2138	482	74	29	103	38	46	0	84	55	13	2142	$3,388.20

Churches, 22; Pastors, 8; Stated Supplies, 5; Vacant, 9.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Liba Conant, Orford, May 20, 1823; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 13, 1840; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 23, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Honover, Licentiate Nov. 1, 1836; J. C. Proctor, Hanover, Licentiate.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's June 1, 1872.			Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dt.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept.21,1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22,1844	May 22,1844	54	143	197	10	1	7	8	2	9	0	11	1	0	183	$2,000.00
Antrim, Presb.,	1788	W. R. Cochrane,	Mar.18, 1869	Mar.18, 1869	61	127	188	14	44	4	48	2	1	0	3	32	1	200	726.13
Bedford, "	1750	I. C. Tyson,	Oct. 7,	1862	May 9, 1865	64	127	191	44		1	9	2	0	0	2	2	2	300	506.90
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	James Holmes,	June 22,1842	Nov., *1869	16	36	52	12		3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	274.14
Brookline,	Dec.10, 1705	F. D. Sargent,	Oct. 20, 1869	Oct.20, 1869	26	48	74	9	12	2	14	4	2	0	6	7	1	147	127.37
Deering,	Dec.24, 1759	Morris Holman,	June 15,1845	Aug.1,*1863	8	31	39	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	44.00
Francestown,	Mar. 8, 1773	Cha's Seccombe,		May. *1871	73	130	203	17	15	2	17	7	10	0	17	9	4	307	433.87
Goffstown,	Dec.29, 1801	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 2,	1861	Feb. 4, 1869	34	112	146	16	4	9	13	3	2	0	5	3	5	230	982.29
Greenfield,	May 28,1867	S. H. Partridge,	May 10,1853	May 16,*'69	42	87	129	18	21	4	25	1	3	0	4	8	0	150	87.50
Greenville,	June 3, 1847	G. F. Merriam.	Mar. 9,	1865	Mar. 9, 1865	23	63	86	26	2	0	2	1	4	0	5	2	2	106	143.25
Hancock,	Aug.28,1768	Ashael Bigelow,	Mar.12,	1828	May 15, 1850	45	85	130	30	4	1	5	4	3	0	7	3	1	232	273.07
Hillsborough Bridge,	Apr.26, 1839	H. B. Underwood.	Mar.19,	1866	May 7, 1871	26	71	97	9	19	8	27	2	5	0	7	9	0	110	89.50
Hillsborough Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June,	1841	*1864	15	25	40	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	21.50
Hollis,	1743	James Laird,	Mar.15,	1866	May25, 1870	88	152	240	31	18	7	25	4	11	2	17	12	3	250	1,948.26
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	Vacant.				13	25	38	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Litchfield, Presb.	July 3, 1844	B. F. Parsons,				2	6	8	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	70	28.54
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1759	George Smith,	Aug. 9,	1853	Feb. 1, *'71	37	50	87	22	3	0	3	3	3	0	6	0	0	90	477.00
Manchester, First,	May 28, 1828	C.W.Wallace, D.D.	Jan. 8,	1840	Jan. 8, 1840	144	373	517	100	9	20	29	8	8	0	16	7	2	550	1,917.80
" Franklin St.,	June 27, 1844	W. J. Tucker,	Jan.24,	1867	Jan. 24, 1867	81	201	282	60	3	34	37	7	11	0	18	2	2	500	3,455.63
Mason,	Nov.13,1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb.27,	1839	Apr.18, 1860	28	50	78	22	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	105	2,700.12
Merrimack, First,	Sept. 5, 1771	C. L. Hubbard,	Sept. 2,	1868	Sept. 2, 1868	50	108	158	34	2	2	4	1	7	0	8	0	4	147	207.20
" South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.				2	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	30	17.00
Milford,	Nov. 19,1788	Vacant.				78	189	267	15	4	8	12	7	4	0	11	0	0	354	1,106.90
Mont Vernon,	1780	S. H. Keeler, D.D.	Oct.,	1829	*1868	52	127	179	36	4	0	4	5	5	0	10	3	1	170	84.53
Nashua, First,	1685	Frederi'k Alvord,	July21,	1858	July 16, 1869	79	267	346	23	3	15	18	4	7	0	11	1	0	279	1,202.69
" Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834	J. S. Black,	Mar.31,	1870	Mar.31, 1870	79	200	279	79	19	8	27	2	7	0	9	19	1	300	500.00
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Cha's Wetherby,	Sept. 1,	1859	Dec. 7, 1871	52	138	190	32	8	9	17	4	6	0	10	5	0	210	543.31
New Boston, Presb.,	1768	W. H. Bessom.			Feb. 6, 1872	46	110	156	16	9	3	12	4	5	0	9	7	2	232	73.00
New Ipswich,	Oct. 21, 1760	T. S. Robie,	Oct. 25,	1859	May, *1872	50	115	165	37	2	1	3	4	8	1	13	1	0	115	320.61
Pelham,	Nov.13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 6,	1861	Oct. 6, 1861	24	52	76	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	188	1,462.27
Peterborough,	Apr.21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19,	1859	Oct. 19, 1859	51	118	169	12	22	3	25	1	1	0	2	13	0	270	267.00
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Vacant.				45	82	127	31	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	150	87.09
Wilton,	May16, 1825	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5,	1860	Dec. 5, 1860	44	102	146	10	11	12	23	3	0	0	3	6	3	175	232.58
						1532	3562	5094	806	247	168	415	93	128	5	226	152	32	6350	$22,341.01

*Stated Supply.

29 Congregational, 4 Presbyterian Churches; 20 Pastors; 9 Stated Supplies; 4 Vacant.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 13, 1819; William Clark, D. D., Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828, Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1823; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; Frank G. Clark, Manchester, ordained Sept. 30, 1869, City Missionary.

GEORGE F. MERRIAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch Mem's, June 1, 1872		Admissions.				Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover.	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody.	Nov 22, 1843	S. S. 1869	10	29	30	9	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	48	$33.78
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	C. Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	S. S. 1870	43	75	118	30	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	2	0	150	330.00
Bradford.	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			8	14	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Canterbury.	1760	James Doldt,	Dec. 1843	S. S. 1869	21	58	79	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	100	9.56
Chichester,	1791	Mark Gould.	Oct 8, 1851	S. S. 1864	32	50	82	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	46.92
Concord. East,	Mar. 1842	A. Burnham,	Sept. 1857	S. S. 1872	27	59	86	28	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	2	0	50	9.17
Concord. First,	1730	F. D. Ayer,	May. 1861	Sept. 1867	76	184	260	21	26	4	30	8	0	0	8	11	0	221	1296.33
Concord. South	1857	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 1864	June, 1869	101	251	352	29	11	2	13	3	6	0	9	7	5	400	1577.20
Concord. West,	1833	H. B. Putnam,	Oct. 1868	Oct. 1868	48	101	149	22	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	120	220.00
Dunbarton,	June. 1789	G. I. Bard.	Oct. 1866	Nov. 1866	34	60	94	7	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	150	253.46
Epsom.	1761	F. H. Wales.		S. S. 1872	16	24	40	10	0	1	1	3	9	0	12	0	0	45	30.00
Fisherville,	Nov. 1850	Wm. R. Jewett.	Jan. 1837	Sept. 1863	56	76	132	22	3	0	3	2	5	0	7	2	0	200	595.60
Franklin,	Jan. 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 1838	Sept. 1849	54	110	164	39	26	6	32	3	1	0	4	16	3	134	1331.50
Henniker,	June. 1769	S. S. Morrill,	May. 1859	Sept. 1870.	38	108	146	31	2	7	9	7	1	0	8	1	0	203	655.00
Hill.	1815	Vacant.			6	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hooksett.	1828	Vacant.			12	33	45	15	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	40	43.00
Hopkinton.	Nov. 1757	J. K. Young,	Sept. 1829	S. S. 1867	49	115	164	43	1	4	5	2	4	0	6	1	0	100	452.37
Loudon,	Nov. 1789	B. N. Stone,	June. 1871	June, 1871	15	44	59	17	7	0	7	2	2	0	4	5	0	50	59.37
Pembroke	1737	L. White.		1849 S. S. 1871	36	84	120	27	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	2	177	1233.58
Pittsfield.	Nov. 1789	H. A. Hazen.	Feb. 1858	Dec. 1870	42	79	121	32	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	143	405.51
Salisbury.	Nov. 1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 1850	June, 1869	30	49	79	23	0	1	1	0	3	1	4	0	0	45	19.00
Tilton and Northfield.	1822	T. C. Pratt.	June 1859	S. S. 1870	39	116	155	50	4	0	4	5	1	0	6	4	1	140	145.20
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington.	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	30	75	105	10	1	5	6	3	7	0	10	1	2	175	227.00
Webster,	Sept. 1804	Edward Buxton,	April. 1836	Dec. 1837	49	76	125	16	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	130	295.40
Wilmot,	Jan. 1829	C. B. Tracy.	Feb. 1830	S. S. 1868	19	30	49	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	60	78.77
					871	1902	2773	587	88	41	129	57	58	1	116	55	21	2989	$9,967.72

Churches, 25; Pastors, 12; Stated Supplies, 10; Vacant, 3.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of N. H.: A. W. Fisk, Fisherville, ordained May 22, 1833; Moses Gerould, Concord, ordained May 22, 1828; Henry A Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; Daniel Sawyer, Hopkinton, ordained May 13, 1846; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827; Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826—Secretary of N. H. Bible Society.

H. B. PUTNAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf		
Atkinson,	Nov.25, 1772	Vacant.			23	59	82	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	$86.06
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	Joshua S. Gay,	Jan. 29, 1848	S. S. 1871	21	39	60	11	1	2	3	5	5	0	10	0	0	75	38.16
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	W. C. Jackson,	Oct. 1, 1835	S. S. 1870	11	47	58	14	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	60	8.00
Candia,	1770	Vacant.			70	110	180	31	12	1	13	6	1	0	7	7	0	190	163.24
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	Charles Tenney,	Feb. 7, 1844	Aug. 2, 1871	45	118	163	18	7	3	10	5	1	0	6	5	1	173	387.31
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Vacant.			42	83	125	15	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	110	150.00
Derry 1st,	1719	David Brenner,	May 5, 1855	Apr.27 ,1870	50	142	192	30	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	150	261.01
Derry, 1st Cong.,	Aug. 3, 1837	Vacant.			21	86	107	28	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	80	294.69
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	16	41	57	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	110	200.01
Exeter, 1st,	1638, Re. 1698	Swift Byington,		1852 June 2, 1871	40	99	139	44	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	125	394.00
Exeter, 2d,	1813	George E. Street,	Apr. 6, 1864	Mar.30, 1871	17	61	78	20	2	2	4	1	4	0	5	2	1	118	481.00
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb.25, 1852	9	46	55	14	5	0	5	2	4	0	6	5	7	75	220.35
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	E. W. Ballard,	Aug. 8, 1838	Dec.14, 1870	21	63	84	4	0	6	6	2	1	0	3	0	0	208	277.75
Hampton,	1638	Vacant.			65	133	198	22	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	0	4	108	186.46
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	Apr. 3, 1838	June 30, 1864	13	39	52	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	30.00
Kingston	Sept.5. 1725	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	June 5, 1872	8	34	42	5	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	0	110	75.00
Londonderry, Presb.,	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	52	127	179	24	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	1	204	282.00
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept.29, 1825	S. S. 1846	9	34	43	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	206	16.00
Newington.	Oct. 15, 1715	Franklin Davis,	Oct. 6, 1847	S. S. 1864	5	14	19	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	28.00
Newmarket.	May 27, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct.23, 1850	S. S. 1865	25	47	72	23	5	0	5	0	3	0	3	1	0	130	123.00
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	Apr. 27, 1870	54	101	155	20	14	0	14	3	0	0	3	9	2	180	290.81
Northwood,	Nov.29. 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	34	73	107	21	5	2	7	0	0	2	2	3	1	100	113.00
Nottingham,	Aug. 12, 1840	Vacant.			2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Plaistow.	Nov. 4. 1730	Calvin Terry.	Dec. 1846	S. S. 1869	23	48	71	10	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	1	100	368.00
Portsmouth,	July 11, 1671	Vacant.			110	297	407	78	7	4	11	4	5	0	9	3	6	200	1,245.00
Raymond.	1791	Samuel Bowker,	Dec. 8, 1844	Nov.30, 1870	62	92	154	18	6	1	7	4	1	0	5	2	0	115	120.00
Rye.	Nov. 3, 1736	Vacant.			10	15	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	M. A. Gates.	Sept. 2, 1852	S. S. 1870	19	60	79	20	7	2	9	1	6	0	7	5	0	80	100.00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	July 12, 1837	Vacant.			9	11	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	55.00
South Seabrook.	July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand.	Licentiate.	S. S. 1867	11	18	29	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	0.00
South Newmarket.	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7, 1847	S. S. 1868	3	9	12	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	25.30
Stratham,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 24, 1860	Nov.25, 1860	16	32	48	7	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	121	331.35
Windham, Presb.,	1742	Vacant.			39	98	137	24	2	3	5	5	0	0	5	0	2	200	186.35
					955	2278	3233	552	84	33	117	71	47	4	122	46	31	3828	$6,536.85

Churches, 33; Pastors, 12: Stated Supplies, 11; Vacant, 10.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Thomas Jameson, Greenland, ordained July, 1825; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Joseph Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847; Israel T. Otis, Exeter, Ordained, June 10, 1835.

EDWARD ROBIE, *Statistical Secretary.*

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 0, 1072.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name,	Orgauized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Pr	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf		
Alton.	Nov. 7, 1827	Andover Students,		S. S.	5	21	26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	$8.40
Barrington,	June.18,1755	Ezra Haskell,		S. S. 1869	13	29	42	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	150	13.00
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant.			7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Barnstead Parade.	July 9. 1867	W. O. Carr.	Feb.13. 1861	July 9. 1867	14	23	37	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	60.00
Centre Harbor,	May 9. 1837	I. F. Tobey.		S. S. 1871	18	28	46	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	61.58
Conway.	Aug.18,1778	E. P. Eastman.	Apr.20, 1871	Apr.20, 1871	24	57	81	0	6	0	6	4	1	0	5	3	0	90	32.00
Dover, First Church.	1638-9	Geo. B. Spaulding,	Oct. 8, 1861	Sept. 1. 1869	77	226	303	48	10	4	14	4	2	0	6	6	6	266	1,217.71
Dover, Belknap,	Sep. 3. 1856	J. W. Savage.	Dec. 1863	S. S. 1871	15	55	70	21	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	3	1	110	100.00
Durham.	Mar.26, 1718	Vacant.			23	61	84	17	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	105	100.00
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.			5	16	21	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0.00
Farmington.	Sept.15,1819	E. H. Titus.		S. S. 1872	18	38	49	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	117.12
Gilmanton Center.	Mar. 8. 1826	J. Blake. D. D.,	Mar. 3. 1841	Oct. 25. 1871	35	67	102	24	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	64	34.79
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Nath'l S. Moore,	Nov. 11,1868	S. S. 1870	22	65	87	34	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	2	0	72	20.00
Gilmanton, East.	Nov.30, 1774	Vacant.			7	6	13	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Lacouia.	June 28,1824	William F. Bacon.	1867	S. S. 1872	43	124	167	45	2	2	4	2	10	2	14	1	0	115	234.90
Lee,	Dec. 3, 1867	J. W. Lees.	Nov. 6. 1870	Nov. 6. 1870	6	36	42	1	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	130	10.00
Meredith Village,	Feb.20, 1815	Vacant.			15	37	52	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	106	35.00
Milton.	Sept. 8, 1815	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	S. S. 1870	26	49	75	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	110	50.00
Milton Mills,	Sept.26,1871	D. B. Scott,		S. S. 1872	7	11	18	0	1	17	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	8.01
Moultonborough,	Mar.12, 1777	Vacant.			8	17	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ossipee Centre.	Sept.26,1806	Edward C. Hood.		Student.	20	44	64	24	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	30	20.00
Rochester.	1737	Harvey M. Stone.	Nov. 2, 1848	May 18. 1871	40	102	142	10	3	11	14	2	10	0	12	3	3	106	623.69
Rollinsford. S. Falls.	May 1. 1841	Selah Merrill.	Dec. 1. 1864	S. S. 1870	19	62	81	56	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	34.15
Sanbornton,	Nov. 13.1771	Moses Runnels,	Aug.13,1856	June 11,1868	35	82	117	15	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	3	143	252.17
Sandwich, First.	1814	C. L. Tappan,		S. S. 1871	5	20	26	8	5	0	5	2	7	0	2	3	0	65	14.50
Sandwich, North.	June17, 1832	Vacant.			12	14	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Somersworth. G. Falls	June 16.1827	Clark Carter.	Feb.13. 1868	Apr.27. 1870	44	131	175	39	0	2	2	0	0	0	7	0	3	270	555.36
Tamworth.	Sept.12,1792	Sam'l H. Riddel.	June 27,1827	S. S. 1871	27	66	93	15	0	0	0	2	5	2	9	0	0	76	66.31
Tuftonborough.	May 1. 1839	Vacant.			1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wakefield.	Sept.22, 1785	Sumner Clark.	Jan. 1. 1845	S. S. 1872	6	16	22	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	50.83
Wolfeborough, First.	June 17, 1834	T. A. Emerson.	Nov 25, 1869	Nov.25, 1869	31	53	84	21	5	3	8	2	5	0	7	5	1	132	167.02
Wolfeborough.North.	June 18. 1839	B. C. Henry,		Student.	7	17	24	2	12	1	13	1	0	0	1	8	1	47	9.80
					629	1589	2218	462	60	46	106	48	50	4	102	39	18	2622	$3,896.34

Churches, 32; one having been organized during the year at Milton Mill; Pastors, 9; Stated Supplies, 14; Vacant, 8.

Ministers Without Charge. Almon Benson, Centre Harbor, ordained Dec. 25, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826; F. P. Smith, North Wolfeborough, ordained Sept. 12, 1838; Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Gilmanton Iron Works, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Giles Leach, Meredith Village, ordained Feb. 6, 1833.

MOSES T. RUNNELS, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.		Name.	Ordained.	Installed	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	N. R. Nichols,	Feb. 1, 1872,	Feb. 1, 1872	59	85	144	56	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	0	0	110	$145.06
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson.	Apr. 20, 1848	S. S. 1864	5	22	27	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	15.00
Claremont,	1770	Levi Rodgers.	Oct. 19, 1871	Oct. 19, 1871	67	182	249	58	7	13	20	5	12	0	17	3	9	232	347.78
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Chas. M. Palmer.	Dec. 8, 1868	S. S. 1871	22	45	67	10	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	1	50	52.33
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			7	10	17	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	15.00
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			9	19	28	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	78.25
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1829	Vacant.			5	17	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25.00
Lempster, 1st Church.	Nov. 13, 1781	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S. 1871	23	33	56	17	4	6	10	1	3	0	4	3	1	65	49.25
Lempster, 2d Church.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			6	11	17	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, 1868	May 6, 1868	60	82	142	51	20	4	24	1	6	0	7	13	4	150	125.00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,	Sept. 17, 1868	Sept. 17, 1868	91	157	248	21	1	4	5	5	1	0	6	1	2	250	2,383.18
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			5	22	27	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	30	34.00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	H. H. Colburn,	May 19, 1869	S. S. 1871	3	16	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	25.15
					362	701	1063	242	34	33	67	22	24	0	46	21	18	1157	$3,295.00

Churches, 13; Pastors, 4; Stated Supplies, 4; Vacant, 5.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; E. W. Clark, Boston, ordained Jan. 1, 1850; The church in Goshen has been supplied half the time by Rev. John Bragdon, missionary. The church in Langdon has been supplied by Rev. Seth Hinkley, missionary. The Church in Plainfield has been supplied during the summer and fall by Rev. Jas. B. Tyler, missionary, and Rev. Israel T. Otis. Rev. S. E. Busser, missionary, is now with the church. The Church in Croydon has been supplied for a few Sabbaths by different ones. The 2d Church in Lempster has not been supplied.

G. R. W. SCOTT, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
	Total.	Vac.	Pastors.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs.	Prf.	Let	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	26	6	9	10	4	23	0	695	1562	2257	406	37	43	80	45	55	2	103	20	19	3231	$4829.70
2. Coos,	8	3	2	3	0	5	0	130	365	495	70	6	6	12	13	4	0	17	3	4	519	590.09
3. Grafton,	22	9	8	5	8	21	2	710	1428	2138	482	74	29	103	38	46	0	84	55	13	2142	3388.29
4. Hillsborough,	33	4	20	9	5	34	0	1532	3562	5094	806	247	168	415	93	128	5	226	152	32	6350	22341.01
5. Merrimack,	25	3	12	10	7	29	0	871	1902	2773	537	88	41	129	57	58	1	116	55	21	2989	9967.72
6. Rockingham,	33	10	12	11	4	27	0	955	2278	3233	552	84	33	117	71	47	4	122	46	31	3828	6536.85
7. Strafford,	32	8	9	14	5	28	0	626	1589	2218	462	60	46	106	48	50	4	102	39	18	2622	3896.34
8. Sullivan,	13	5	4	4	2	10	0	362	701	1063	242	34	33	67	22	24	0	46	21	18	1157	3295.00
Total,	192	48	76	66	35	177	2	5884	13387	19271	3557	630	399	1029	388	412	16	816	396	156	22838	$5484.96
Total of Pres. Ch's,	6	1	4	1	0	5	0	264	595	859	124	64	12	76	18	8	0	26	41	8	1206	$1802.88
Total of Cong. Ch's,	186	47	72	65	35	172	2	5620	12792	18412	3433	566	387	953	370	404	16	790	355	148	21632	$53043.08

SUMMARY FOR 1861–1872.

Years.	Churches.		Ministers.					Church Members.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sab. Schools	Charitable Collections.
	Total.	Vac	Pastors	S. S.	W. C.	Tot,	Lic.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1861	191	31	102	56	41	199	14	6399	13,801	20,200	3380	240	285	525	357	313	41	711	114	286	23,940	
1862	191	38	98	54	40	192	10	6260	13,680	19,940	3701	329	279	608	368	235	22	645	169	202	24,705	
1863	190	36	91	64	38	193	6	6070	13,285	19,355	3310	406	256	661	408	298	231	936	231	212	24,292	
1864	190	49	90	58	47	185	7	6122	13,741	19,863	3577	815	331	1146	478	287	25	790	455	213	23,783	
1865	188	49	79	58	50	177	5	6057	13,961	20,018	3448	873	331	1204	402	308	34	744	456	220	22,282	$44,757.00
1866	189	35	78	64	37	179	6	5910	13,546	19,456	3730	531	354	885	503	470	79	1052	340	222	23,702	$45,744.00
1867	188	42	62	73	42	187	4	5826	13,576	19,402	3544	600	302	902	387	488	30	896	354	177	23,943	$47,438.00
1868	192	38	74	75	42	191	7	5749	13,304	19,053	3673	494	411	905	408	558	174	1140	323	184	23,650	$35,171.00
1869	191	36	84	69	47	200	5	5697	13,249	18,946	3506	542	307	849	381	397	23	799	329	193	23,759	$40,745.00
1870	191	43	75	71	44	190	7	5873	13,576	19,449	3545	808	425	1233	357	407	13	777	472	214	23,742	$39,160.00
1871	191	52	79	63	43	182	5	5856	13,329	19,185	3507	678	335	1013	379	335	15	729	447	189	23,081	$44,314.98
1872	192	48	76	66	35	177	2	5884	13,387	19,271	3557	630	399	1029	388	412	16	816	396	156	22,838	$54,845.96

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS,

COUNTIES.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap & Carroll.	April, May,	June, July,	August, September.	October, November,	December, January,	February, March.
Merrimack, ...	June, July,	August, September,	October, November.	December, January,	February, March,	April, May,
Rockingham, ...	August, September,	October, November.	December, January.	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough, ...	October, November,	December, January.	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,
Cheshire and Sullivan, ...	December, January,	February, March.	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November,
Grafton and Coos, ...	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September,	October, November.	December, January,

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MINISTERIAL RECORD.

Changes since the Publication of the Minutes of 1871.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1871. Oct. 19, Levi Rodgers, at Claremont.
1872. Feb. 1, Nathan R. Nichols, at Acworth.

PASTORS INSTALLED.

1871. Oct. 25, Joseph Blake, at Gilmanton Centre.
Dec. 7, Charles Wetherby, at Nashua, Pearl St. Church.
Dec. 13, Charles C. Watson, at Hinsdale.
1872. Feb. 6, W. H. Bessom, at New Boston.
June 5, Jacob Chapman, at Kingston.
Sept. 17, C. F. Morse, at Atkinson.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

1872. May 10, Jacob Chapman, from Deerfield.
June 24, Clark Carter, from Great Falls.
June 25, Royal Parkinson, from Temple.
July 7, H. B. Underwood, from Hillsborough Bridge.
Sept. 26, Erastus M. Kellogg, from Lyme.
Oct. 13, Henry S. Huntington, from Warner.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

1871. Nov. 3, Ezra E. Adams, D. D., at Oxford, Pa. aged 58.
Nov. 16, Charles W. Richardson, at Canaan, aged 70.
Nov. 18, Reuben Kimball, at North Conway, aged 69.
1872. Jan. 7, Benjamin F. Ray, at New Ipswich, aged 48.
Feb. 13, Harrison O. Howland, at Kinderhook, N. Y. aged 59.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number of churches is 192, one more than last year. The new church is that of Milton Mills, organized Sept. 26, 1871.

Every church is reported in the statistics, and the returns are in every instance complete. It must in truth be said, however, that to obtain such returns from some of the churches has cost repeated and urgent applications. Why should this be so in a single case? Some of our feeble churches, and even a few of the strong ones, have yet to learn that a careful statistical record of their condition is a help to spiritual progress. If no regularly appointed officer in each church records the membership, the additions, removals, baptisms and charities, then it is inevitable that less importance comes to be attached to the things themselves. But it is cause for gladness, that in this matter the churches are steadily improving.

MINISTERS. The number of Pastors is 76, which is the same as last year; of Acting Pastors, 66, three more than last year. 48 churches are reported as "vacant;" which, however, in many cases does not signify that they have been without preaching during the year, but that they were not regularly supplied at the time the report was given.

The total number of ministers is 177. 35 are without pastoral charge; of whom part are prevented from ministerial labor by age or infirmity, and most of the rest are filling posts of usefullness.

The number belonging to the Ministerial Associations is 158, the same as last year. Eight ministers have been installed as Pastors in our churches since the publication of the last minutes, of whom two also received ordination. Six Pastors have been dismissed. Three ministers residing in the state have died.

MEMBERS. The membership of the churches is, males 5,884, females 13,387; total 19,271. This is a gain of 86 upon last year. The additions by profession are 630, by letter 399; total, 1,029. The removals by death are 388, by dismission

412, and by excommunication 16; total 816. The total additions exceed the removals by 213, which of course, instead of 86, should be the gain shown in the total reported membership. Let the clerk of each church see that his own records are accurately kept from year to year, and we shall soon be rid of these inconsistencies. The additions by profession are 242 more than the removals by death. 94 churches report one or more additions by profession; 98 report none.

Of our 19,271 members of the churches, 3,557 are reported as *absent*. This is more than one in every six. It is the duty of each church, and especially of each pastor, to earnestly strive to correct this evil. From an admirable Report on "Non-resident Church Members," published in the last annual Minutes of Conn., we quote some suggestions as to the remedy, which ought to be heeded.

"(1.) Let the pastor faithfully instruct the church as to the practical worthlessness of church membership apart from personal, living fellowship.

(2.) Let the pastor and church committee note watchfully all anticipated removals of members to other places, and see, either that these members take letters of transfer with them, or that they write back for these letters, just as soon as they become settled in their new homes.

(3.) Let the clerk of the church keep constantly at hand for reference, an accurate list of all members who may be regarded as absentees, and let this list come up statedly for examination before the pastor and the church committee.

(4.) Let the pastor and church committee keep a list of members of other churches residing within their bounds, and give to such all needed encouragement and aid in seeking a transfer of church relations."

Baptisms. The baptisms have been, of adults 396, of infants 156. Sixty-five churches report one or more instances of infant baptism; one hundred and twenty-seven churches report none. We believe that a new and thorough discussion by all our pastors of the *principles* which underlie the sacred rite of infant baptism, (as, e. g. they are presented in Dr. Bushnell's "Christian Nurture,") would bring multitudes of parents to a

believing acceptance of God's everlasting covenant, and would correct some of the most serious defects in the household piety of the present day.

CHARITIES. The amount reported is $54,845.98; which exceeds by $10,530,98 that of last year. Last year 35 (wrongly stated on p. 76 of last year's minutes as 88) churches reported *no* charitable gifts. This year we are glad to say only 30 make such a discreditable report.

Let us remember, that all reports and statistics of religious work are misused, if they are meant as a *display* of what we have done or given. Their true value lies in the *knowledge* they impart to Christians of each other's work. This knowledge leads to thanksgiving to God. It admonishes us of our need of larger wisdom and fidelity. It promotes brotherly love among the churches which thus understand each other more fully. In the history of our own churches, as well as of other branches of the one spiritual church, for the past year, there is much for which to praise God. Yet as we think how much more of power and blessing for the world there ought to be in the church of Christ, does it not say to us, "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the *light* of the Lord." Let us seek more of faith, hope and charity, to make our lives happy and influential for good. Let us accept, with greater simplicity, the promise of the Savior to be with his people always, even to the end of the world.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,
Statistical Secretary.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the Conference and Association in which each name occurs in the statistics.

Abbott, Amos, Nashua, 4.
Abbott, E. E. P., Meriden. 8. X.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton, 4. IV.
Adams, Geo. M., Portsmouth. 6. IX.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 4.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Alvord, Frederick, Nashua. 4. IV.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5. V.
Bacon, William F., Laconia. 1. I.
Bard, Geo. I., Dunbarton. 5. V.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7. III.
Bartlett, Joseph, So. Newmarket. 6. IX.
Barstow, Zedekiah, S., D. D., Keene, 1, VII.
Benson, Almon, Centre Harbor. 7. I.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4. II.
Bessom, W. H., New Boston. 4.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4. XII.
Black, James S., Nashua. 4. IV.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmanton I. W. 7. XI.
Blake, Joseph, D. D., Gilmanton Cent'r. 7 I.
Blake, S. L., Concord. 5. V.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3. I.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 4.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Bowker, Samuel, Raymond. 6. IX.
Bragdon, John, Goshen. 8.
Bremner, David, Derry. 6.
Brigham, Levi, Troy. 1. VII.
Bullard, E. W., Hampstead. 6.
Burnham, A., East Concord. 5. V.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5. V.
Byington, Swift, Exeter. 6.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7. XI.
Carter, N. F., Orfordville. 3. VIII.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1. VII.
Chapman, Jacob, Kingston. 6. XI.
Clark, Frank G., Manchester. 4.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3. I.
Clark, Sumner, Wakefield. 7.
Clark, William, Amherst., D. D., 4. IV.
Cochrane, W. R., Antrim. 4. XII.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood. 6. XI.
Conant, Liba, Orford. 3. I.
Colburn, H. H., Washington. 8. VII.
Cook, Jonathan B., Salisbury. 5. V.
Curtice, Corban, Boscawen. 5. V.
Damon, Charles, Exeter. 6, IX.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6 IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4. IV.
Dickinson, William E., Walpole. 1. VII.
Doldt, James, Canterbury. 5. III.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3. X.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
Dustan, George, Peterborough. 4. XII.
Eastman, E. P., North Conway. 7.
Eldredge, E. D., Kensington. 6. IX.
Emerson, Tho's A., Woltborough. 7.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2. VI.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5. V.
Fowler, Tho's L., Westmoreland. 1.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6. IX.
Gates, M. A. Salem. 6. II.
Gay, Joshua S., Auburn. 6.
Gerould, Moses, Concord. 5.
Gerould, Samuel L., Goffstown. 4. II.
Goodrich, D. N., East Jaffrey. 1.
Goodrich, J. E., Meriden. 8.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4. IV.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4. IV.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5. XI.
Greeley, E. H., Haverhill. 3. VIII.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3. 1.
Haines, T. V., No. Hampton. 6. IX. III.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Milton. 7. IX.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7. VII.
Hartshorne, V. J., Enfield. 3. XIII.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7. IX.
Haskins, Robert, Derry. 6. II.
Hazen, H. A., Pittsfield. 5. XI.
Hibbard, D. S., Wentworth. 3.
Holbrook, Amos, Harrisville. 1. VII.
Holmes, James, Bennington. 4.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4. XII.
House, William, Londonderry. 6. II.
Hubbard, Charles L., Merrimack. 4. II.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5. V.
Jackson, W. C., Brentwood. 6.
Jameson, Thomas, Greenland. 6.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, Wm. R., Fisherville. 5. V.
Karr, William S., Keene. 1. VII.

Kesler, Seth H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 4. IV
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5. V.
Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 3. V.
Knowlton, F. B., Orford. 1.
Laird, James, Hollis. 4. IV.
Leach, Giles, Meredith Village. 6. I.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 1. VII.
LeBosquet, John, Lempster. 8. V.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Leeds, Samuel P., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Lees, J. W., Lee. 7. IX.
Lovejoy, Geo. E., Candia. 6.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3. VIII.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3. VIII.
Martyn, Carlos, Portsmouth. 6.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4. IV.
Merrium, Geo. F., Greenville. 4. IV.
Merrill, John L., Marlborough. 1. VII.
Milliken, Cha's E., Littleton. 2. VIII.
Moody, Howard, East Andover. 5. V.
Moore, N. S., Gilmanton I. W'ks. 7. XI.
Morrill, S. S., Henniker. 5. V.
Morse, C. F., Atkinson. 6.
Nichols, N. R., Acworth. 8.
Nims, Geo. L., Roxbury. 1.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 1. VII.
Noyes, Daniel J., D, D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6. IX.
Packard, Cha's, New Alstead. 1.
Page, Caleb F., Milton Mills. 7.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6. II.
Palmer, Charles M., Cornish. 8. VII.
Park, Harrison G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Parsons, Benj. F., Derry. 6. II,
Partridge, S. H., Greenfield. 4. IX.
Peabody, Albert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Powers, Dennis, Rindge. 1.
Pratt, Theodore C., Tilton. 5. II.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Rand, Wm. A., South Seabrook. 6.
Rich, A. B., D. D., West Lebanon. 3.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 3. I.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts, Thomas E., Keene. 1. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6. IX.
Robie, T. S., New Ipswich. 4.
Rodgers, Levi, Claremont. 8. X.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3. XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. I.
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 4. IV.
Savage, J. W., Dover. 7. IX.
Savage, Wm. T., D. D., Franklin. 5. V.
Sawyer, Daniel, Hopkinton. 5.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3. X.
Scott, Darius B., Milton Mills. 7.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8. X.
Seccombe, Charles, Francestown. 4.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Smith, F. P., North Wolfeborough. 7.
Smith, George, Lyndeborough. 4. V.
Spalding, George B., Dover. 7. IX.
Spaulding, George, Alstead Centre. 1.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6. IX.
Stone, B. N., London. 5. XI.
Stone, Harvey M., Rochester. 7. I.
Street, Geo. E., Exeter. 6. IX.
Tappan, C. L., Sandwich. 7.
Tenney, Charles, Chester. 6.
Terry, Calvin, Plaistow. 6.
Tewksbury, Geo. F., Gorham. 2.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6. IX.
Titus, Eugene H., Farmington. 7,
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., So. Berwick, Me. 7. IX.
Tracey, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5. V. XII.
Tucker, Wm. J., Manchester. 4. II.
Tyson, Ira C., Bedford. 4.
Underwood, H. B., Hillsborough Bridge. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wales, F. H., Epsom. 5.
Wallace, C. W., D. D., Manchester. 4. II.
Watson, C. C., Hinsdale. 1. IX.
Wetherby, Charles, Nashua. 4.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6. IX.
White, Lyman, Pembroke. 5.
Willey, Charles, Swanzey. 1. VII.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5. V.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1. VII. III.
Young, John K., D. D., Hopkinton. 5. I.

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SEVENTY-FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New Hampshire, and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one-third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one-third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one-third of whom to be vacated each year and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the Secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES, AUGUST 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source, and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the

*The answer to this question should include bank, railroad, United States, and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches in New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of its ratable property, that is, $12 50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1 1-2 per cent on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent to one and one quarter per cent on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required: namely,

1. What the number of ratable polls; also, families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members—male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1—by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms—infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year—by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contribution to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New-York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Applications may be made to the treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of *The Home Missionary* for New-Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-first annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held at Bristol, Aug. 29, 1872. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Hon. Milan Harris, of Harrisville, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. Warren, of Gorham, Me.

The Treasurer, Hon. L. D. Stevens, read his annual report, which, having been audited, was adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., when Rev. Chas. Seccombe, of Francestown, moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees, seconded by Rev. Silas Ketchum, of Bristol. Addresses were also made by Rev. Isaac Willey, of Pembroke, Dea. Geo. S. Dean, of Wentworth, Rev. H. M. Stone, of Rochester, Rev. Alvan Toby, D. D., of South Berwick, Me., Rev. Chas. E. Milliken, of Littleton, Rev. Chas. Seccombe, of Francestown, Rev. Geo. Dustan, of Peterboro', Hon. L. D. Stevens, of Concord, Rev. S. L. Blake, of Concord, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, of Fisherville, and Rev. J. Bragdon, of Goshen.

The following officers, nominated by a committee appointed for the purpose, were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., L L. D., Hanover, *President.*
Hon. J. E. Sargent, Concord, *Vice-President.*
Rev. William Clark, D. D., Amherst, *Secretary.*
Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, *Treasurer.*
Hon. John Kimball, and Wm. W. Storrs, Esq., Concord, *Auditors.*

Trustees elected in 1872.

Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville,
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville,
Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Pittsfield.

Trustees elected in 1871.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord,
Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton,
Dea. Almon Harris, Fisherville.

Trustees elected in 1870.

Rev. Alvan Toby, D. D., Durham,
Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton,
Hon. J. W. Noyes, Chester.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held at Bristol, Aug. 29, 1872, the following members of the Board of Trustees were appointed Executive Committee for the year ensuing: namely,

Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord,
Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord,
Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville,
Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Hopkinton,
Rev. William Clark, D. D., Amherst.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees are grateful to the God of missions, that they are able to state the continued lives of the officers and missionaries of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, during the year now reported. But they regret to record the death of two valued ministers, formerly in our employ, Rev. ISAAC ROGERS, of Farmington, Me., and Rev. JAMES B. TYLER, of Groton, Conn. The former labored some years in Enfield, to the great acceptance of the church and people there—a man of talents, scholarship, of Puritan faith, eminent devotedness to the cause of the Master, large experience in the ministerial work, his labors in Enfield were very useful, and will be long gratefully remembered by the inhabitants of the town and vicinity. Rev. JAMES B. TYLER, a graduate of Yale College and Theological Seminary, was our missionary in Plainfield, four months, within the past year, greatly endeared to the church and society there for his wise, instructive, faithful labors among them. He was a young man of high promise in the ministry of Christ. He died a few months after his ordination over the church in Groton, greatly to their sorrow.

The Trustees are happy to report a generally healthy state of religion in our mission churches, though no very marked revivals within the year. Our missionaries appear to have been faithful in discharge of their appropriate duties, thereby retaining the respect and confidence of the churches and communities they have served.

It will be seen, in the sequel, that the process of weakness in many churches, both in membership and pecuniary means, continues. This, in the absence of revivals, and by deaths and emigrations constantly occurring, is unavoidable. Not a few of our hitherto stronger churches, are losing strength from these causes, and are applying for missionary aid in support of the ministry.

SUMMARY.

Number of churches aided the past year, 39; of missionaries employed, 42, of whom 20 were in service the entire year, 22 for periods from one to six months; time of labor of the whole, 25 years.

Average attendance in 30 congregations reported, 2613; average to each, 87.

Hopeful conversions in 11 churches, 62.

Members in 23 churches reported, 1064, of whom 299 are males, 725 females.

Additions to 15 churches, 68; by profession, 49; by letter, 19.

Removals from 16 churches, 45; by death, 27; by dismission 17; exclusion, 1.

Baptisms in 11 churches, infant, 7, adults, 31; total, 38.

Scholars in 23 Sabbath Schools, 1625; average to each, 70 1-2.

Contributions in 21 churches, to Home Missions, $416.17: to all other benevolent objects, $889.88; total, $1306.05.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account,		$5,629.11
Receipts within the year,		$8,762.14
Of which for American Home Missionary Society,		
In donations,	$1,249,17	
In legacies,	712.00	
		$1,961.17
Leaving for New-Hampshire Missionary Society,		$6,800.97
Of this sum were legacies,	$915.46	
Income from permanent fund,	$161.45	
Payment of note of Rev. Luke A. Spofford deceased, for $250, and interest for a series of years, by his son, Hon. H. M. Spofford, of Pulaski, Tenn.,	690.03	
		$1,766.94
Leaving from donations to N. H. M. S.,		$5,034.03

; donations from Cent Societies,		
ıding income from Memorial Fund		
129.29,		$2,581.61
:emains donations from churches		
ongregations to N. H. M. S.,		$2,452.42
rectly from churches and individ-		
to the A. H. M. S., not passing		
ıgh our treasury:		
gacies,	$1,600.50	
ɔnations,	1,599.51	
		$3,200.01
amount raised in the State for		
e Missions in 1872,		$11,962.15
h is $2,638.64 less than in 1871,		
ces of the N. H. M. Society for the		
now reported,		$14.391.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

amount of disbursements, during the year,	$10,691.03
g a balance in the treasury of	$3,700.22
	$14,391.25

NEW HAMPSHIRE CENT INSTITUTION.

Receipts from Female Cent Societies, comprising this Institution, during the year ending Aug. 15, were $2,581.61.

This benevolent association, formed sixty-seven years ago, is a striking illustration, in a good sense, of the Scripture declaration, "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth." Christian love and zeal in the heart of the late Mrs. Dr. McFarland, of Concord, prompted her to organize a few of her Christian sisters of the church, of which her husband, Rev. Dr. McFarland, was pastor, into a Female Cent Society, in 1805, on the principle of paying one cent per week, through the year, in aid of the work of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society. The income of that Cent Society the first year was five dollars. Its annual receipts are now more than $2,500.00.

Its donations, this year, to our Missionary Society, more than equal the entire donations of all our churches and congregations to the same. Its great usefulness is not confined to New-Hampshire. Its example has been copied by Christian ladies in Maine, Vermont, and in other States. Its existence and work were honorably mentioned in the discussions of the Great National Congregational Council at Oberlin, Ohio, in November last, and commended to the favorable consideration of the female membership of all Congregational churches throughout our great country. The religious press, too, of different denominations is recording its name and doings, with strong approbation, and urging Christian ladies, generally, to "go and do likewise." The good ladies of our churches have abundant encouragement to persevere in this "labor of love." We tender them our heartfelt gratitude for the very important aid they have rendered and are still affording us in our Home Missionary work.

THE MEMORIAL FUND.

This Fund, an outgrowth of the Female Cent Institution, has already become an important Institution of itself. Designed to perpetuate the memory of the founders of the former, and at the

same time to aid our feeble churches in sustaining the Institutions of the Gospel, by ten dollar memberships, whether of the dead or living, it now numbers 590 such memberships, and has a fund of $5,900.00 well invested, the annual interest of which is paid into the treasury of our New Hampshire Missionary Society, which assumes the investment and safe-keeping of the Fund.

A NOBLE DEED.

Rev. Luke A. Spofford, a former worthy missionary of our Society ministering several years to different churches in this State borrowed of the Society the sum of $250.00, the amount of a legacy by his father to the same. The interest on this sum he paid, annually, till his death. But dying poor, the note given to secure the principal, his estate could not pay. Though deemed worthless, his note was kept on the files of our treasurer. Within the past year, a son of Mr. Spofford, Hon. HENRY MARTYN SPOFFORD, residing in Pulaski, Tenn., wrote to our treasurer, inquiring whether the New-Hampshire Missionary Society still existed, and whether it held the above named note. On learning our Missionary Society was yet alive, and doing its appropriate business, and that his father's note was yet in the hands of our treasurer, he requested it should be sent to him. It was sent. Soon after, he remitted a draft for nearly $700.00, to cover principal and interest from the time of his father's decease. A noble deed this! Most honorable to the son and to the father who begat him. Would our world were blessed with more such fathers and sons.

ANOTHER GOOD DEED.

Hon. FRANCIS COGSWELL, a native of Atkinson, and reared under the influences of the Congregational church in that town, but for many years resident in Andover, Mass., connected with the Episcopal church there, has deposited in a Savings Bank $1,000.00, in trust, the interest of which, *in perpetuo*, is to be used in aiding the feeble Congregational church in Atkinson, in supporting the ministry. May this most commendable deed be

imitated by many others. who, trained to piety and usefulness in our weak churches, have, on leaving their native town, become wealthy elsewhere. In this way they will be honoring Christ and doing good to His cause when they are dead.

TABULAR VIEW.

etails that can be exhibited in a compact form may be seen he followiug general table, showing in parallel columns:

. A list of churches aided, and names of missionaries.
. Dates of Commission.
. Length of commission in months.
. Amount of aid pledged for services named in preceding column.
. Months of labor performed since last report.
. Average congregations.
. Hopeful conversions.
. Number of church members.
. Number of Additions.
. Number of dismissals.
. Number of baptisms.
. Number of Sabbath school scholars.
. Contributions to home missions.
. Contributions to other objects.
. Total contributions.

TABULAR VIEW.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor Performed.	Average Congregation.	Hopeful Conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab. Sch. Scholars.	Contributions.		
							Male.	Female.	Total.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Total.
1. Alstead—																							
2. Alstead, New— } Rev. C. Packard,	Jan. 1, 1872	12	150.00	12	90		33	55	88	3		3	1			1		2	2	90	$10.45	$98.79	$109.24
3. Alton— { Mr. J. C. Seymour, Mr. C. R. Seymour, Mr. I. D. Kelsey,	July 1, 1871	3	45.00	3																			
	June 29, 1872	2½	40.00	2	35	2	5	21	26											25	8.40		8.40
	March 4, 1872	1	32.00																				
4. Berlin—Mr. Geo. Michael,	June 1, 1872	4	72.00	3																			
5. Brentwood—Rev. Wm. C. Jackson,	April 1, 1872	12	100.00	5																			
6. Brookline—Rev. J. D. Sargent,	Sept. 1, 1871	12	150.00	12	125		26	45	71	12	2	14	4	2		6	1	7	8	140	30.00	97.37	127.37
7. Centre Harbor—Rev. J. F. Tobey,	July 1, 1871	12	200.00	12	100		21	38	59					1		1				60	9.56	42.33	51.89
8. Charlestown—Rev. H. H. Sanderson,	Oct. 13, 1871	12	200.00	12	60		5	22	27	0	1	1	1	0	0	1				50	26.00		26.00
9. Chatham—Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 22, 1871	12	200.00	12	70	1	19	28	47	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	70	20.00	18.00	38.00
10. Conway, North —Rev. E. P. Eastman.	March 1, 1871	12	150.00	12	130	1	23	58	81	6	0	6	4	1	0	5	0	3	3	80	9.00	42.00	51.00
11. Dalton —Rev. I. T. Otis,	July 1, 1872	6	100.00	2																			
12. Deering—Rev. M. Holman,	July 1, 1871	12	225.00	12	70	0	8	31	39											65	34.00		34.00
13. Dover, Belknap Ch.—Rev. J. W. Savage.	Nov. 1, 1871	12	300.00	10	125	3	15	55	70	3	2	5	4	1	0	5	1	3	4	110	26.00	91.00	117.00
14. Enfield—Rev. V. J. Hartshorne,	May 20, 1872	12	200.00	12	75	3	7	33	40	6	0	6	1	1	0	2	0	6	6	50	5.00	7.00	12.00
15. Epsom—Mr. F. H. Wales,	July 4, 1872	4	64.00	12	50																		
16. Gorham—Rev. G. F. Tewksbury,	Sept. 1, 1871	12	250.00	12	75		5	33	38				1			1				65	10.00	64.75	74.75
17. Goshen—Rev. J. Bragdon,	May 1, 1872	12	250.00	12	115	11	9	19	28											140			77.25
18. Hooksett—Rev. A. Burnham,	April 1, 1871	12	200.00	12																			
19. Kensington—Rev. E. D. Eldredge,	Jan. 1, 1872	12	150.00	12	100		13	41	54		1	1								105	32.00	110.00	142.00
20. Kingston— { Rev. S. Bixby, Rev. J. Chapman,	Feb. 1, 1871	12	100.00	8																			
	May 1, 1872	12	100.00	4	110		8	34	42				3	4		7				110	20.00	20.75	40.75
21. Lempster—Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1872	12	200.00	12	50	3	23	33	56	4	6	10	1	3		4	1	3	4	55	14.00	46.00	60.00
22. Mason—Rev. D. Goodwin,	May 1, 1872	12	150.00	4	70		29	51	80		2	2	1	2		3	1		1	95	34.45	166.67	200.12
23. Milan—Mr. Geo. Michael,																							
24. Milton Mills—Rev. D. B. Scott,	July 1, 1871	12	200.00	2	60				17											42			

25.	Merrimack, South—Mr. D. K. Campbell,	May	1, 1871	4	68.00	1	60		2	11	13									50			
	Mr. J. Crumrine,	March	7, 1872	1	16.00	1																	
	Mr. W. B. Danforth.	May	19, 1872	4	67.00	4																	
26.	Newmarket, South—Rev. J. Bartlett.	Dec.	1, 1871	12	200.00	12	70		3	9	12	1		1						70	25.10		25.10
27.	Newington—Rev. F. Davis,	Nov.	1, 1871	12	150.00	12	125	2	5	14	19	2		2				2	2	60	22.10	6.00	28.10
28.	Ossipee Centre—Mr, J. Sewall,	June	25, 1871	3	45.00	1																	
	Mr. E. C. Hood,	May	6, 1872	4	72.00	3	70	4	23	42	65				2		2			35			
29.	Plainfield—Mr. J. B. Tyler,	June	1, 1871	3	45.00	¼																	
	Mr. E. S. Busser,	May	1, 1872	5	80.00	4	48		5	23	28				1	1	2	1	1	35	12.00	25.00	37.00
30.	Roxbury—Mr. Geo. Nims,	May	1, 1872	6	96.00	4																	
31.	Sandwich—Rev. C. L. Tappan,	Aug.	1, 1871	12	200.00	12	100		6	20	26	5		5	2		2		2	65	14.50		14.50
32.	Seabrook, South—Rev. Wm. A. Rand.	Aug.	1, 1871	12	250.00	12	150	20	11	18	29	3		3						100			
33.	Stoddard—Rev. J. W. Rickett,	July	1, 1871	12	200.00	6																	
34.	Wakefield—Rev. S. Clark,	May	1, 1872	12	150.00	4	65		6	24	30				1		1			30	10.83	40.00	50.83
35.	Washington—Rev. H. H. Colburn.	April	16, 1872	12	200.00	12	75		3	16	19									50	18.00	15.15	33.15
36.	Wilmot—Rev. C. B. Tracy,	Jan.	1, 1872	12	150.00	12	75		19	30	49		1	1	1		1	2	2	60	31.70	52.07	83.77
37.	West Stewartstown—Rev. Giles Leach.	Oct.	1, 1871	3	58.00	3	75																
38.	Wolfeboro', North—Mr. B. C. Henry.	May	1, 1872	4	64.00	4	90	16	7	17	24	12	1	13	1		1	1	8	9	45	6.85	3.00	9.85
39.	Wentworth—Rev. D. S. Hibbard,	Jan.	1, 1872	12	200.00	12	75		10	45	55									70	13.06	18.00	31.06

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead.*—This church has not yet obtained a successor to Rev. F. B. Knowlton, who left more than a year since. For some months within the past year, Rev. C. Packard, of New Alstead, has preached in the afternoons of the Sabbath. A pastor or stated supply is greatly needed in this thriving village.

2. *Alstead, New.*—The missionary states: "Our Sabbath school is gaining in interest and members; prayer meetings are well attended; fruits of last year's revival, in the growth and activity of the younger members of the church, are pleasing to witness. On the whole, I feel a good work is here going on, and trust the gospel is gradually taking root in the community around us." Repairs within the year on the church and vestry. Average congregation, 90. Salary, $650. A grant in addition of $50 from the Cheshire County Missionary Society.

3. *Alton.*—This church has had preaching most of the year by students of Andover Seminary. It has been making special efforts to obtain the means of procuring a parsonage, as, without this, it cannot hope for a permanent ministry. Mr. C. R. Seymour of the Seminary, Andover, is now laboring there under commission for ten weeks. "In a district so closely inhabited, and where the proportion of young people is so large," he says, "there is certainly a field of labor. At present, church goers are far in the minority. Among them are a few stout hearts. We need faith, courage, and energy, which may God grant us in good measure."

4. *Berlin and Milan.*—In these towns, situated in the eastern part of Coos county, on the Androscoggin river, there has never been much Congregational preaching. In Milan, is a "union church edifice," owned by several denominations, including a small number of Congregationalists, who are now bestirring themselves to have preaching of their own order. Mr. George Michael, of Yale Theological Seminary, is now on a mission there, and at Berlin, of four months. He is very well received by the people in both towns, and has good congregations in both. Rev. Mr. Tewksbury, of Gorham, adjoining Ber-

lin, writes to the Secretary: "I am very decidedly of the opinion, a missionary of our denomination should be sustained at Berlin and Milan, during the year."

5. *Brentwood.*—This church was formerly aided by our Missionary Society, but for several years past it sustained religious ordinances without foreign assistance. It has become so feeble again, as to need help. Rev. Wm. C. Jackson, once missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., is now in the service of this church, with prospect of usefulness in strengthening the things that remain.

6. *Brookline.*—As fruits of the revival in 1871, the church has been increased by the addition of 14, making present membership, 71. Baptisms eight. of which 7 were adults; members of Sabbath School, 140; contributions to Home Missions, $30; to other objects, $97.37; total, 127.37. Church in prosperous state.

7. *Centre Harbor.*—A parsonage house in process of erection. This is a place of large resort of summer travelers and boarders from our cities, giving increased importance to our mission here. Pecuniary means of the church and society small, with not much promise of increase; salary, $700.

8. *Charlestown.*—Very feeble has this church been from the beginning; organized in 1834, with 23 members, 7 males and 16 females. Present number, 27, of whom only 5 are males. The only deacon of the church died within the year. Charlestown is a beautiful town, physically, on the Connecticut river, but a very hard, discouraging missionary field. Strong opposition prevails to evangelical religion. Extensive shoe manufacturing in the place, operates unfavorably to the cause. Average congregation, "about 60;" pastor's salary $650. Writes our missionary: "I can assure you that it has been very trying to me to labor here as I have, without witnessing more fruit of my labors; but I should feel sad to have the field given up. as I hope, that the gospel may here yet prevail."

9. *Chatham.*—This town is opposite, on the east, to Stowe, Maine. "The Congregational church of Chatham and Stowe" is the designation of the church, its members living in the two towns. With very great effort, the united church erected in

Chatham, the last year, a meeting-house, which has been paid for with aid from abroad. The taxable property of the church is but $7,000; pastor's salary, $600, of which $200 is paid by the New-Hampshire, and $200, by the Maine Missionary Society; church membership, 47: average congregation, 70; Sabbath School scholars, 70.

10. *North Conway.*—For many years past our missionaries in Conway have divided their Sabbath services between North and South Conway, but as no funds are now raised in the South for Congregational preaching, our missionary no longer preaches there, but preaches in the afternoon of the Sabbath in Kearsarge village, in Bartlett. "Our Sabbath School has been prosperous. Those who united with our church a year ago, have worked well in the service. This region cannot be said to be destitute of the means of grace, inasmuch as there are now a Methodist, a Baptist, and an Episcopalian clergyman on the ground, where once your missionary was the only preacher." North Conway, it is well-known, is made populous in summer by visitors and temporary residents from all parts of our country and foreign nations. Two railroads now have their termini here, one from Portland, one from Boston, bringing immense travel to the place, and on the way to our numerous White Mountain resorts. North Conway is becoming a fashionable town. It greatly needs the faithful ministrations of the gospel.

11. *Dalton.*—No regular Congregational preaching in this town since Rev. Mr. Farrar left some three years ago, till recently. Rev. I. T. Otis commenced labors there about July 1st. With great effort the good ladies of the church and society have obtained the means to purchase a parsonage, satisfied from past experience they could not enjoy the blessing of a stated ministry without one. Dalton is an important missionary field, and should be constantly occupied.

12. *Deering.*—The Secretary passed the second Sabbath in July, preaching to this church and congregation. He was pleased to notice evidences of a healthy state of things here. The congregation numbered some 70 persons; the Sabbath school about 65, composed of all ages, from young children to persons advanced in life. Our missionary, Rev. Mr. Holman,

is an able, instructive preacher, a godly man, habitually praying for the salvation of his people. Deering is a fine farming town and should sustain the institutions of the Gospel, without foreign aid. But sad to relate, most of the inhabitants of the place have no regard for them, and will pay nothidg toward their support. A cheering fact—a son of our missionary graduated at the late commencement of Dartmouth College, is credited by the faculty as the first in his class of 69 members, and what is worthy of mention here, with the exception of his tuition from a scholarship, he paid his own way from earnings while in College, leaving it free of debt.

13. *Dover, Belknap Church.*—Rev. C. C. Watson closed his services here early in the year, and has become pastor of the church in Hinsdale. Rev. J. W. Savage commenced his labors with the church in November last. This enterprise has not succeeded as was hoped at the outset. For a while the church was self-sustaining, but finds it cannot maintain the ministry without missionary aid. A second Congregational church is greatly needed in the city, now containing about 10,000 souls, and should, ere this, have become strong. Serious local difficulties have prevented, and still operate. The congregation is about 125; church members, 70; Sabbath School scholars, 110.

14. *Enfield.*—Our missionary here, Rev. V. J. Hartshorne, continues to labor in faith and patience, much to the acceptance of his church and congregation. The former continues feeble, both in number and means. In it are but 7 males, whose invoice is about $4,000; average congregation, 75: Sabbath School, 52. The church has no meeting-house yet. They continue to worship in a hall.

15. *Epsom.*—This church, greatly reduced by death and emigration, has become weak again, and again applied for aid in sustaining preaching. Mr. Frederic Henry Wales, recent graduate of Dartmouth College, is now serving here under commission for four months. He reports himself kindly received by the church and people, and the congregation enlarging under the influence, in no small degree, of his visits from house to house over the town. The church has been fearful of the necessity of

"giving up," but concludes to make one more serious effort to live. May Christ succeed their endeavor.

16. *Gorham.*—Rev. Mr. Tewksbury writes: "The church here seems to be holding its own, and continues to sustain, with usual interest, the institutions of the Gospel, have raised more for benevolent objects the past year than in any previous year. Sabbath evening attendance at church has been larger than ever before, by some 50 to 75 per cent. The summer campaign business connected with mountain travel and visiting has commenced, and with it a falling off, as usual, of church-going on the part of the people resident here, is an unavoidable evil. The pastor sometimes falters under the depressing discouragements continually arising in this field, from the low tone of morality and religious sentiment, the prevalence of irreligion and infidelity, and the multitude never found in the sanctuary, on the Sabbath. Still, somebody must labor here, and the ground not be left to the enemy. With the assurance given from time to time of satisfaction with my services, I am encouraged to labor on, how much longer is uncertain."

17. *Goshen.*—Great improvement here within the past two years, under the labor of Mr. Bragdon. The Congregational church edifice has been repaired and much improved, at a cost of $1,050. The Baptist church and people unite in the support, and together enjoy the services of Mr. Bragdon. A marked revival of religeon has been witnessed, as the fruit of which several have been added both to the Congregational and Baptist churches. Much has been done among the youth in the temperance cause, large numbers having pledged themselves to entire abstinence from the use of all intoxicating drinks, tobacco and profanity. As the result, a new moral atmosphere surrounds and pervades the community. Under God, our missionary has has been very useful here, and promises to be so in future.

18. *Hooksett.*—Rev. Abraham Burnham, who had served here several years, left at the close of his year, April 1st, owing to serious dissentions in the ecclesiastical society, which prevented the raising his usual salary. He is now preaching at East Concord. The prospects of the Hooksett church and society are dark. No preaching in the Congregational church since

he left; no probability of its being enjoyed at present.

19. *Kensington.*—Our missionary here continues his labors with the great respect and entire confidence, not only of his church and society, but of the people of the town generally. Number of families in his society, 25; the valuation on the town assessors' book, $20,253, about one-fourth of the whole belonging to the church; pastor's stipulated salary, $500; church membership, 34, of whom 13 are males; Sabbath school, 105; average congregation, 100; contributions to benevolent objects, $142, of which $32 are for Home Missions.

20. *Kingston.*—Rev. S. Bixby, who had labored faithfully with this church and people, left about mid-winter, and went to Buxton, Me. The present incumbent, Rev. Jacob Chapman, several years pastor at Deerfield, was installed over this church about the 1st of May, on a salary of $600 and house rent. He brings with him to his new field much experience in the work of the ministry, a tried, highly esteemed Christian character. The church in Kingston is greatly favored in having such a teacher and pastor, as themselves testify. Average congregation, 110; Sabbath School, 110; church members, 42, of whom 8 only are males; valuation of the society, $75,000; that of the church, $15,000.

21. *Lempster.*—This church, organized nearly 100 years ago, in 1781, sustained the institutions of the Gospel, unaided from abroad, till within a few years, when, by death and emigration, it became so weakened that it felt obliged to ask for missionary aid. The religious society contains at present but 12 reliable polls, and 20 families; valuation of the society, which is the church, $27.937; salary, $500, and use of parsonage; average congregation, 50; Sabbath School, 55. This is a hard field. Universalism and Spiritualism prevalent.

22. *Mason.*—This church formed just 100 years ago, in 1772, was, for many years, strong and influential, the only religious organization in the town. It was weakened, both in numbers and means, by the organization of the church in Mason Village, now Greenville, in 1847, when 58 members of the present church removed their relation to the latter. This so diminished the strength of the first church, that, in 1849, it solicited

missionary aid. This it continued to receive for a series of years: then, till the present year, it managed to get along alone, but is so reduced again, that it calls for help. Taxable property of the church, $18,333; stipulated salary, $450, of which $150 from our Mission Society; average congregation, 70; Sab. School, 95.

23. *Milan*—See *Berlin*.

24. *Milton Mills*.—A union church was organized here, Sept. 26, 1871, with 17 members, on the principle of evangelical doctrines. A call has been extended to Mr. D. B. Scott of the last class of the Seminary, Andover, to become their pastor, with the understanding that he will accept. This is a manufacturing village, containing about 500 people, sixty of whom attend public worship, with the new church; Sabbath School, 40; salary, $800; ratable property of the society, $22,000, of which $1,668 belongs to the church. Meeting-house recently repaired.

25. *Merrimack, South*.—This church remains very feeble, containing only 2 male members, and 11 female. It cannot support preaching all the time; though for a good part of the year, it has had it from Seminary students, from Andover, Princeton, and Yale. Mr. W. B. Danforth, of Yale, is now on a mission there for four months, whose services, in and out of the pulpit, very much interest the people. Average congregation, 60; Sabbath School, 50. Considerably more attend church and Sabbath School than for years past.

26. *New Market, South*.—The church edifice has been enlarged and much improved in appearance the past year. A vestry, too, has been completed. Total expense about $2,800, $1,000 of which was paid by one man and his wife, not members of the church, or of the society. Our Baptist brethren in the place, not having an organization of their own denomination, very cordially unite with the Congregationalists in sustaining the ministry and religious services generally. Mr. Bartlett states: "It would be difficult to sustain the interest of our Sabbath School or social meetings without their aid. Average congregation, 70; members of the church, 12 only, of whom but three are males; valuation of the church, $5,560; of the soci-

ety, $19,288. On the whole, much ground for encouragement.

27. *Newington.*—The question is now in the courts, to whom the parsonage property belongs, whether to the Congregational church, or to the town. It has been in occupancy of the latter for some half century. The town voted the use of the meeting-house to the Methodist half of the time the present year, but they have not yet called for it. This field should be occupied, but it is difficult of cultivation, and requires much self-denial on the part of the missionary.

28. *Ossipee Center.*—The church here is greatly reduced by death and emigration. These causes have deprived it of many of its best members. Since Rev. Mr. Hibbard left, Dec., 1770, it has had only occasional preaching. Mr. Jotham Sewall, Jr., of Yale Seminary, performed a mission in the place in the summer of 1871, of two months. Mr. Edward C. Hood, of Union Theological Seminary, is now laboring with the church, commissioned for four months, from May 6th. The taxable property of the society—about three-fourths of which belongs to the church—$25,000; average congregation, 70; Sabbath School, 35.

29. *Plainfield.*—Last year at this time, Mr. James B. Tyler of the Hartford, Conn. Seminary, was serving the church, greatly to their acceptance. Since then, he died in Groton, Conn., where he was ordained over the church there soon after he left Plainfield. Strong public testimony has been published of his great worth as a Christian, and his fair promise of distinguished usefulness, had he lived. Present incumbent at Plainfield is Mr. S. E. Busser, of Yale Seminary, commissioned for five months, from May 1st. He labors earnestly in and out of the pulpit for the spiritual welfare of the people.

30. *Roxbury.*—This church has had but little preaching from the time Rev. H. H. Colburn left, April 1st, 1870, till May last, when Mr. Geo. L. Nims commenced missionary service there. It has come to great weakness, having but 15 members, only 5 of whom are males, who are possessed of but little property.

31. *Sandwich.*—Congregational preaching, indeed all kinds of preaching, was suspended in this part of the town, called "Sandwich Corner," for some years, till August 1871, when Rev. Charles L. Tappan commenced ministerial labor in the

place. He has been successful in gathering an average congregation of 100; Sabbath School, 65. The church is small, only 6 male members, 26 female. It is to be hoped religious interest will revive in this community.

32. *Seabroke, South.*—This remains a very hard field, but under the earnest labors of our missionary, blessed of God, it continues to yield some fruit to his glory. A check has been put, somewhat, to the tide of intemperance, which has long rolled in upon the community of some 500, of whom about one-fifth are reported as habitual drinkers, spending most of their time and money in drinking. "We have put the temperance pledge," says the missionary, "on our church records, and require every member to sign it." Church membership, 29, of whom 11 are males; three additions the last year.

33. *Stoddard.*—Our missionary, Rev. J. W. Ricket, closed his labors here 1st of January. Since then, there has been very little preaching in the town. The church holds "reading meetings" on the Sabbath, prayer meeting on Sabbath evenings, and at other times. It is greatly reduced in numbers by deaths and removals, and is in a state of discouragement; not entire, but is hoping against hope. It has strong claims on the sympathies and prayers of its sister churches.

34. *Wakefield.*—Rev. S. Clark commenced service here May 1st, of the present year, under favorable auspices. Church and society subscribe more liberally for support of the Gospel than heretofore. Church membership, 30, of whom six are males. Average congregation, 65; Sabbath School, 30.

35. *Washington.*—Mr. Colburn labors here earnestly and acceptably, though under many discouragements. The majority of the community have no attachment to the sanctuary; attendance on public worship not exceeding, on the average, 75; Sabbath School, 50. But 3 male members in the church, 16 females.

36. *Wilmot.*—Things remain here much as in former years. Our missionary, church, and people, live in each other's confidence and move together in harmoney and love. Two infant baptisms within the year. Church embraces 49, of whom 19

males. Total of contribution to benevolent christian objects, $83.77.

37. *West Stewartstown.*—Rev. Giles Leach peformed a very acceptable, useful mission here of three months in the autumn and early winter. Since then, there has been but little preaching though commendable effort has been made by a portion of the people to secure it. This is an important, but very difficult place of missionary work.

38. *Wolfeboro', North.*—Mr. B. C. Henry, of Princeton Seminary, labored here four months in 1871, and is again here for a like period, the present year. His services were highly acceptable, and greatly useful the last year, resulting, under God, in a pleasing revival, of the fruit of which, 12 were added to the church, making the present number, 24. Mr. Henry writes: "Those who then—last year—came out from the world, have almost all remained faithful. Our meetings are well attended. Many who are not members of the church and society come. The working force in the church has been greatly increased, and I think, could they have a settled minister, the church would prosper."

39. *Wentworth.*—Usual prosperity in the church here, though it has been weakened by the dismission of six valuable members to other churches. Present number of church members, 54, of whom 10 are males; average congregation, 75; Sabbath School 70. Prayer-meetings, Sabbath evenings, and at other times, well attended by many not professing godliness.

CONDITION OF THE MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

From the foregoing details, it will be seen no special changes have occurred in them during the year now reported. Harmony and good felling have prevailed, generally, between our missionaries and the churches they have served. The former have labored faithfully, in season and out of season, in the pulpit, the Sabbath School, the prayer-meetings, visiting the sick and afflicted, and from house to house, for religious purposes; and thus have been instrumental of maintaining a good degree of religious interest in the fields of their labors, but none report re-

vivals of religion within the year; though, in some instances, additions have been made to the churches, as the fruits of such in the year preceding, particularly in that of North Wolfeboro.' We are not to conclude no good is done in a missionary district, unless there be conversions and additions to the churches. There is a great gain, if Christians are edified and built up in the faith; if Bible truth be presented to, and impressed on the minds of the impenitent; children and youth brought into the Sabbath School; prayer-meetings maintained. In these various ways, the incorruptible seed is sown, which we may expect will produce precious harvest in time, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

We have employed the past year, from one to four months, in churches named in the "*Tabular View*," from the Theological Seminay, Princeton, N. J., Messrs. D. K. Campbell, W. D. Thomas, and B. C. Henry; from Andover Seminary, Messrs. J. C. Seymour, C. R. Seymour, F. D. Kelsey. J. Crumrine; from Yale, New Haven Seminary, Messrs. W. B. Danforth, Jotham Sewall, Jr., S. E. Busser, James B. Tyler, George Michael; Union Seminary, N. Y., Mr. Edward C. Hood; Dartmouth College, last graduating class, Mr. Frederick H. Wales; in all 14, a less number than in 1870, not because such laborers could not be had, for nearly 40 members of different Theological Seminaries, have applied for employment in New-Hampshire during their vacations of from three to four months, but for the reason that a less number of destitute, feeble churches, have encouraged such temporary supplies. Several churches, that heretofore have gladly received student missionaries, have become so reduced by deaths and emigrations that they feel they cannot raise funds sufficient even to pay the board of a missionary; and have all but abandoned hope of ever again being able to enjoy a ministry of their own order. Some such unite with other evangelical churches in their vicinity, in sustainining religious ordinances; the best, probably the wisest course, they can take. The increasing weakness and ultimate extinction of not a few of our present very feeble chuches, appear inevitable. While

we must deeply regret this, we will rejoice if other churches of evangelical faith take the ground once occupied by our churches and do the work performed by some of them for more than a century.

NEW, AND RENEWED APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Deaths and emigrations are causing weakness in churches hitherto sustaining the ministrations of the Gospel, without foreign aid. Several such have signified their necessity for such assistance; some have actually applied. Lempster and Nelson have done so, Epsom, Brentwood, Mason formerly aided but for several years past had managed to get along alone, are again on our list of mission churches. and are likely to remain on it. Others, once assisted, but not for years gone by, will, undoubtedly, ask for renewed help; others still, never yet aided by our Missionary Society, will be making their appeal for assistance. So we must expect "always to have the poor with us;" must conclude, Home Missionary work in our State will demand the benefactions of our stronger churches for generations yet to come.

THE SECRETARYSHIP.

The destitution of a State Religious Journal of our denomination, the Secretary finds a serious hindrance to communication with the ministers and churches in relation to the interests of Home Missions. The Boston religious papers of our order, are somewhat extensively circulated in our state, but their high charges for appeals of benevolent institutions forbid the use of their columns for this purpose. The Secretary, therefore, is shut up to the Annual Report of our Missionary Society, and to occasional printed Circulars, as methods of informing our churches of the condition and wants of our missionary districts, and of the result of the labors of our missionaries. But these Reports and Circulars, if read at all, by many are but cursorily read, and thus fail of much effect. To supplement these methods, the Secretary attends, so far as practicable, meetings of clerical associations and of County Conferences of churches, with the view of calling their attention to the cause,

and stimulating them to earnest action in its behalf. Through written correspondence, and constant visitation and preaching on the Sabbath, and at at other times, on the subject of Home Missions, he endeavors to keep the thoughts of our ministers and churches to the enterprise. But he deeply regrets his varied efforts accomplish no more.

DELINQUENCY.

Judging from the neglect of many of our churches, from year to year, to contribute to Home Mission, there is painful lack of interest in a cause, so vital to the welfare, moral and religious, of our State and Nation. Of the 191 Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the state, 95, one half, as appears from our treasurer's report, made no contributions to our funds in the year ending Aug. 12, 1871. Among the delinquent churches are many of the strongest in members and means.

WANT OF SYMPATHY.

The above named facts show want of sympathy in the stronger for the weaker churches. Not a few of the latter are very feeble, both in membership and pecuniary means. Their taxable property, as appears from the books of town clerks, varies from $5000 to $10,000, or $15,000. In 24 churches reported, the average taxable property is $12,012. Their male members are two, three, four, or five, and so on. The average number of males in the 39 churches aided the past year, is but 8 1-3. These facts, showing the weakness of our missionary churches, appeal strongly to the practical sympathy, the pecuniary aid of the churches moré favored in numbers and means. But, sad to relate, their appeals, in many instances, are unheeded. In one of our Counties, containing ten Congregational churches, several of which are strong, only one contributed—$58.56—last year, to our cause. Four Cent Societies in the County gave $101.67; total from the County in 1871, $160.17; yet we are expending in that County, in aid of Home Missions, $300 per year. In another County, embracing 13 Congregational churches, some of which are among the strongest in the State, donations from six churches were $98.24; from same number of Cent Societies,

$77.41 ; total from the County $175.65 ; yet, to feeble churches, in the same County, grants were made to the amount of $838. We deeply regret—we are ashamed—to record these facts, but does not fidelity to the trust committed to the Trustees demand their record? Will our ministerial and lay brethren tell us, what can be done to inspire our delinquent churches with true Christian sympathy for their feeble, dependent, sister churches?

SYMPATHY WITH THE NECESSITOUS A CHRISTIAN GRACE.

No sooner is the love of God shed abroad in the heart, than it begets benevolence in it. How was this illustrated on the day of Pentecost! "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul, neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things common. Neither was there any among them that lacked, for as many as were possessed of lands or houses, sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostle's feet; and distribution was made to every man according as he had need." This benevolence was first developed among Jewish Christians. Wherever the gospel went and took effect on heathen communities, it produced like sympathy and benevolence. How it stimulated the churches of Macedonia, Corinth, and Asia Minor, to contribute to the necessity of the poor saints at Jerusalem! How it constrains churches, fruits of modern missions to the heathen, to Christian benevolence! See it appear in the Sandwich Island churches, in their sending their brethren and sisters to the Marquesas and Micronesian Islands, thousands of miles away, to make known to their benighted inhabitants the way of eternal life. See it in the numberless Christian enterprises of the age. Yet while we rejoice in all these proofs that something of the sympathy and benevolence of Christ finds place in the hearts and lives of his people, we must lament their feeble development in many of his professed disciples. How much Christian sympathy can these churches of our communion claim with their needy sister churches, which, from year to year, contribute nothing to aid them in the enjoyment of the ordinances of the gospel?

CHESHIRE COUNTY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the Annual Meeting of this County Conference, in Keene, 1871, the necessities of the several feeble churches in the County, and the fact that the stronger churches had not previously duly considered these necessities, prompted the Conference to organize itself into a *County Home Mission Society*, with a view to supplement the work of the State Society, within the County limits. The result has been favorable thus far. Within the year, nine churches have raised, in addition to their donations to the State Society, $388.23, from which three churches have been aided to the amount of $250, leaving a balance in their treasury of $138.23. It is to be hoped this County Society will continue in this way of well doing, and that other County Conferences may show a like interest in the weak churches within their bounds.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To this the New-Hampshire Missionary Society is auxiliary. The former was organized May, 1826. Its operations now extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Northern Lakes to Southern Missouri and Kansas. It employed, in 1871–2, 961 missionaries, who labored in 29 different States and Territories, supplying 2011 congregations and missionary distrricts; performing, in the aggregate, 762 years of ministerial labor. Among the results were nearly 76,500 children and youth in Sabbath School; 3,533 hopeful conversions, reported by 420 missionaries; additions to the churches, 6,358, more than half of whom, by profession of faith; the organization of 84 churches; the raising to self-support, of 46; the completion of 44 houses of worship; the repairing of 97; the building of 43 others commenced; 83 young men, in connection with the missionary churches, preparing for the ministry. Receipts of the Society during the year, $294,566.86. Total receipts for 46 years of the Society's existence, $6,279,458.63. Total years of labor performed, 28,611. Whole number of additions to the churches, 223,860.

NEW IMPULSE TO HOME MISSIONS.

Great interest was shown in this cause by the National Council of Congregational churches in Oberlin, Ohio, in November last. No one of the numerous enterprises, bearing on the educational, moral, and religious welfare of our Country, occupying the deliberations of the body for an entire week, was made so prominent, or elicited so earnest, protracted discussion, as *Home Missions*. Members of the Council, all the way from Maine to Oregon, entirely agreed that this cause is the *only hope*, under God, of the *perpetuity* of our Republican Government, of the invaluable free institntions, social, educational, judicial, political, and religious, that have risen up under it. These can be preserved only as the fear of God pervades the national mind. This fear can be inspired only by the faithful preaching of the Gospel throughout the entire land, and this can be done in our numerous vast new States and Territories, at the first, *only through Home Missions*. Under this pervading, strong conviction, the Council, by rising vote, declared their belief that the 3000 churches connected with it, should raise the current year for the cause $500,000.

For the Trustees:

WM. CLARK, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1871–2.

L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurer in account with*

THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	Dr.
To balance from last year's account,	$5,629.11
Donations from churches and individuals,	2,452.42
Donations from New-Hampshire Cent Institution,	2,561.61
Legacies,	915.46
Donations for American Home Missionary Society,	1,249.17
Legacies for American Home Missionary Society,	712.00
Income of Permanent Fund,	161.45
Receipts from miscellaneous sources,	690.03
	$14,391.25

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By amount paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$4,846.50
" " American Home Missionary Society,	3,247.17
" " of legacies paid to the American Home Missionary Society,	712.00
" " Rev. Dr. Wm. Clark, as salary,	1,000.00
" " for his traveling expenses, postage, expressage, and stationery,	252.80
" " Treasurer, as salary,	150.00
" " Treasuress of N. H. Cent Institution, as salary,	30.00
" " for postage, stationery, expressage, and U. S. Rev. stamps,	64.74
" " McFarland & Jenks, printing Annual Reports,	272.42
" " " " " Cent Reports,	115.42
" " Balance carried to next year's account,	3,700.22
	$14,391.25

RECEIPTS.

Amherst—Congregational Church and Society.	$45.15
Acworth—Congregational Church and Society, $15; Ladies' Charitable Society, $17,	32.53
Antrim—Presbyterian Church and Society, $20; Mary Clark for her sister Hannah Clark deceased, $50,	70.00
Atkinson—Phebe G. Page.	2.00
Boscawen—Congregational Church and Society.	21.00
Bath—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Moses Lang and Chas. Child life members, $56.90; and for the A. H. M. S., $60.	116.90
Bristol—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S., $3.67, and in aid of Chatham, $30.00,	33.67
Brookline—Congregational Church and Society,	80.00
Concord—A friend for A. H. M. S., $25; a Friend, $50,	75.00
Concord, North—Legacy of Francis N. Fisk, $200; from same for A. H. M. S., 500,	700.00
Concord, South—Congregational Church and Society, $135; H. M., to constitute Harriet Minot Fletcher life member, $30; for A. H. M. S., $113.15; balance of legacy from estate of Samuel Farrington, $20.98,	269.13
Concord, West—Congregational Church and Society,	14.00
Centre Harbor—Congregational Church and Society,	9.50
Campton—Congregational Church and Society.	12.21
Chatham—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Conway—Legacy of Clarissa E. Merrill.	82.70
Chichester—Congregational Church and Society,	4.25
Canaan—Mrs. Emma Currier,	5.00
Candia—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Sarah W. E. Hill life member of A. H. M. S.,	40.50
Chester—Congregational Church and Society, $20; Isaac Lane in full to constitute Miss Martha B. Lane life member, $10,	30.00
Dalton—John Blakesly,	1.00
Derry—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute D. D. Anderson life member of A. H. M. S.,	42.40
Derry, East—First Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Alvah Alexander life member,	40.00
Deerfield Centre—Congregational Church and Society, $19.45; Rev. Jacob Chapman, for A. H. M. S., $6.55,	26.00
Dover—Belknap Church and Society,	25.00
Dunbarton—Congregational Church and Society,	9.55
Enfield—Congregational Church and Society,	3.00
Exeter—First Congregational Church and Society, $76; Second Congregational Church and Society, $48.50	124.50
Francestown—Joseph Kingsbury, for A. H. M. S.,	15.00
Farmington—Congregational Church and Society.	20.00
Greenland—Congregational Church and Society,	22.30
Greenfield—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S.,	9.09
Gilsum—Congregational Church and Society,	20.00

Goffstown—Congregational Church and Society.	$27.00
Hampton—Congregational Church and Society.	23.06
Hanover—Congregational Church and Society of Dartmouth College, for A. H. M. S., $65; for N. H., $82.	147.00
Haverhill—First Congregational Church and Society.	34.48
Hampstead—Congregational Church and Society.	17.46
Hancock—Congregational Church and Society.	10.20
Henniker—Congregational Church and Society, $40; for A. H. M. S., $75; Avaline Calley, to constitute herself life member of A. H. M. S., $30.	145.00
Hillsborough Bridge—Congregational Church and Society,	16.00
Hopkinton—Congregational Church and Society.	22.75
Hollis—John Shedd, to constitute Charles M. Shedd, Lyman B. Shedd, Rosaline M. Patch, and Mary E. Patch, life members of A. H. M. S., $133.20; Congregational Church and Society, $28; for A. H. M. S., to constitute Daniel Farley, Miss Josephine H. Porter, Mrs. Edward L. Hodgman, and Mrs. Perry Farley, life members, $120; a friend, $15.	296.20
Keene—First Congregational Church and Society, $53; Second Congregational Church and Society, $64.92.	117.92
Kensington—Congregational Church and Society.	10.00
Kingston—Congregational Church and Society, $9.39; Rev. Jacob Chapman, $5.61.	15.00
Lancaster—Congregational Church and Society.	23.50
Lee—Congregational Church and Society.	10.10
Litchfield—Congregational Church and Society.	28.53
Littleton—Congregational Church and Society.	25.25
Lyme—A poor and helpless invalid.	2.00
Lyndeborough—Legacy from the state of Israel Cram, for A. H. M. S. $200; Congregational Church and Society for A. H. M. S., $32.50, Mrs. Abigail Crosby, $5.	237.50
Manchester—C. E. Southworth, to constitute Miss F. Soule life member, $20; City Missionary Society's note, $89.21; First Congregational Church and Society, $110.79.	220.00
Marlboro'—Mrs. L. Jones.	1.00
Mason—Congregational Church and Society.	4.25
Milton—Rev. Frank Haley.	15.00
Milton Mills—Union Evangelical Church, $8.01; Dr. Reuben Buck, $5.	13.01
Milford—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S., to constitute Joseph Crossley, Adison Heald, Elbridge K. Jewett, W. W. Howard, and Royal Mansfield, life members.	167.25
Merrimack—Congregational Church and Society.	73.50
Moultonboro'—Mrs. Martha Dodge.	4.00
North Groton—George Colburn.	1.00
Nelson—John K. Mills.	1.00
Newmarket—Congregational Church and Society.	19.00
New Ipswich—Congregational Church and Society.	32.00
Newport—Congregational Church and Society.	51.30
Newcastle—A female friend.	1.25
New Ashford—Congregational Church and Society.	4.50
Newington—Congregational Church and Society.	10.66
North Hampton—Congregational Church and Society, $26.70; A friend, $5.	31.70
Northfield and Tilton—Congregational Church and Society.	19.70
Northwood—Congregational Church and Society.	$10.52
North Conway—Legacy of Rev. Reuben Kimball, $50; Congregational Church and Society, $9.	59.00

Orford—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Portsmouth—North Congregational Church and Society,	250.00
Pelham—James Tyler, for A. H. M. S., $10; Congregational Church and Society, $70.22; R. N. Pratt, $2; legacy of Clarissa Parker, $12,	94.25
Plymouth—James McQuestion, for A. H. M. S., to constitute himself life member, $50; Congregational Church and Society, $16,	66.00
Peterboro'—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S.,	23.00
Pittsfield—Congregational Church and Society, $20.05; Rev. H. A. Hazen, $10,	39.05
Piermont—Congregational Church and Society,	16.00
Plainfield—Rev. Jacob Scales and others,	7.00
Pembroke—Congregational Church and Society,	12.50
Rochester—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute F. McDuffee life member,	41.37
Raymond—Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Rindge—Congregational Church and Society, $7.34; Ladies' Home Mission Society, $24,	31.34
Sanbornton—Congregational Church and Society,	20.00
Sullivan—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Stratham—Congregational Church and Society,	31.00
South Newmarket—Congregational Church and Society,	9.10
Sandwich—Balance of legacy of Emily M. Morrison,	100.00
Temple—Congregational Church and Society,	11.34
Tamworth—Congregational Church and Society,	7.30
Warner—Legacy of E. G. Currier, $461.78; Congregational Church and Society, $17,	478.78
Walpole—First Congregational Church and Society,	50.00
Webster—Congregational Church and Society, $24.25, H. L. Dodge, for A. H. M. S., $15,	39.25
Wilton Congregational Church and Society,	25.50
Wilmot—Congregational Church and Society,	15.70
Wolfeborough—First Congregational Church and Society	16.50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Received from Hon. H. M. Spofford, principal and interest of the note of Rev. Luke Spofford, his father,	$603.75
Over payment refunded,	16.00
Rockingham County Conference,	10.28

TABLE

Showing the Places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, *and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.*

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51.56
1802—Concord,	386.62
1803—Concord,	309.46
1804—Concord	406.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1.290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1,288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis.	1,520.58
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—Keene	2,807.98
1816—Concord,	2,633.36
1817—Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—Dover,	2,427.10
1819—Haverhill	2,537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—New-Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—Acworth.	1,846.20
1824—Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—Durham,	1,872.07
1827—Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—Newport,	2,416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—Concord	2,371.34
1832—Amherst,	5,820.75
1833—Keene,	5,067.66
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1835—Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836—Exeter,	4,942.02
1837—Claremont,	5,506.14
1838—New-Ipswich,	5,396.81
1339—Lyme,	4,616.37
1840—Hampton,	4,596.83
1841—Francestown,	5,187.03
1842—Dover,	5,361.11
1843—Nashua,	5,730.36
1844—Concord, South Church,	7,582.66
1845—Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846—Newport,	9,027.15
1847—Meredith Bridge (Laconia)	6,050.51
1848—Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849—Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850—Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851—Acworth,	9,948.47
1852—Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1853—Littleton,	10,461.21
1854—Derry,	8,417.53
1855—Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856—Exeter, First Church,	6.690.47
1857—Keene,	8,148.55
1858—Hampton,	6,732.26
1859—Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860—Claremont,	7,258.60
1861—Portsmouth,	8,148.18
1862—Concord, South,	7,182.49
1863—Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864—Manchester,	7,556.61
1865—Newport,	8,589.13
1866—Dover,	20,064.51
1867—Nashua,	12,068.17
1868—Concord, North Church,	11,810.04
1869—Keene,	22,932.54
1870—Milford,	9,598.92
1871 Rochester,	14,600.79
1872—Bristol,	11,962.15
Total amount raised in seventy-one years,	**$386,519.00**

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS OF THE A. H. M. S. DURING THE YEAR.

RESIDENCE. NAMES.

BATH—George Jackman, Miss Emma Lang.
CONCORD—Almira Minot Fletcher.
CANDIA—Sarah W. E. Hill,
DERRY—D. D. Anderson.
HENNIKER—Avaline Colby.
HOLLIS—Charles M. Shedd, Lyman B. Shedd, Rosaline M. Patch, Mary E. Patch,
NEWPORT—Lucy H. Baldwin, Simon Tenney.
PELHAM—Dea. Charles Baldwin,

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS OF THE N. H. M. S. DURING THE YEAR.

RESIDENCE. NAMES.

BATH—Capt. Moses Lang, Charles Child.
CHESTER—Miss Martha B. Lane,
EAST DERRY—Alvah Alexander,
HOLLIS—Daniel Farley, Miss Josehpine H. Porter, Mrs. Edward L. Hodgman,
HAVERHILL—Perley Ayer,
MANCHESTER—Miss Emma F. Soule,
MILFORD—Joseph Crosby, Adison Heald, Elbridge K. Jewett, William H. Howard, Royal Mansfield,
PELHAM—Esther Atwood.

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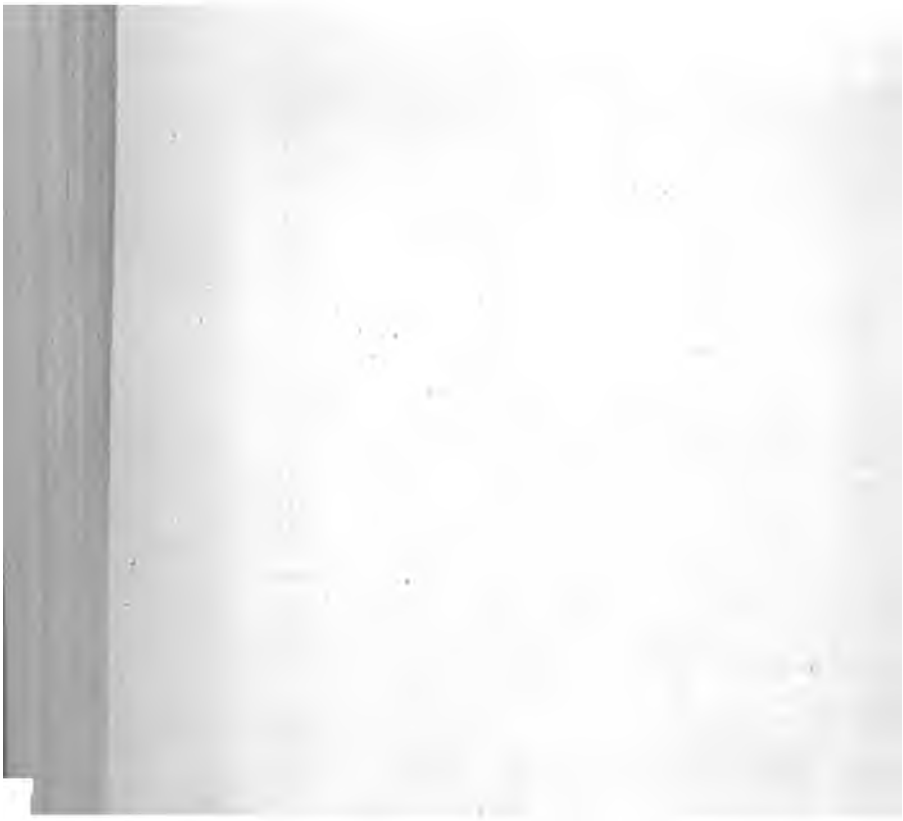

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

NEW-HAMPSHIRE, —

HELD AT

LACONIA, SEPTEMBER, 1873.

WITH THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS.

SECRETARY,
REV. FRANKLIN D. AYER, *Concord.*

STATISTICAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
REV. HENRY A. HAZEN, *Pittsfield.*

Annual meeting at Exeter, Tuesday after second Sabbath in September, 1874.

PREACHER OF OPENING SERMON to be appointed.

PREACHER BEFORE THE SACRAMENT, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Primary: Rev. George B. Spaulding, Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill; Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, Rev. Swift Byington, Rev. George E. Street, Dea. Thomas Folsom, Exeter.

ESSAY: The special needs of the Christian church in view of the Skepticism and Worldliness of the present day.

Essayist, Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Amherst; *Substitute*, Rev. George B. Spalding, Dover.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION. 1. How shall a more thorough study of the Scriptures be secured in our Sabbath Schools?

To lead the Discussion: Rev. M. T. Runnels, Sanbornton; Rev. George I. Bard, Meredith Village.

2. What is the duty of the members of the church in regard to the Academic education of their children?

To lead the Discussion: Rev. L. A. Austin, Meriden; Prof. Perkins, Exeter.

3. What is the proper work of Women in the cause of Christ?

To lead the Discussion: Dea. W. W. Russell, Plymouth; Rev. H. M. Stone, Rochester.

COUNTY CONFERENCES.

	Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.	Annual Meeting.	Assessment. $300.00.
Cheshire,	Rev. John L. Merrill.	2nd Wednesday June.	$35.00
Coos,	Rev. H. V. Emmons,	2nd Tuesday June.	8.00
Grafton,	Rev. Q. Blakely, Dea. Isaac Willard, C. & T.	2nd Tuesday June.	33.00
Hillsborough,	Rev. Geo. F. Merriam, Rev. S. L. Gerould, C. & T.	2nd Tuesday June.	80.00
Merrimack,	Rev. H. B. Putnam,	4th Tuesday June.	44.00
Rockingham,	Rev. Edward Robie,	2nd Tuesday June.	50.00
Strafford,	Rev. M. T. Runnels,	4th Tuesday June.	35 00
Sullivan,	Rev. G. R. W. Scott.	4th Tuesday June.	15.00

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The membership is shown in Alphabetical List of Ministers.

Association.	Scribe.	Organized.		Meetings. *Tuesday.*
Belknap,	Q. Blakely,	April 20,	1841	Before last Sabbath in Jan. and Oct., and 2nd in May and August.
Derry and Manchester,	S. L. Gerould,	Aug. 19,	1799	2nd in Jan. & *quarterly* at Manchester.
Harmony,	S. H. Riddel,	March 4,	1834	3d in Jan. & 2d in May, July & Oct.
Hollis.	D. E. Adams,	May 5,	1762	1st in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.
Hopkinton,	T. C. Pratt,	Aug. 26,	1788	After 1st Sabbath in Jan. & alternate months in Concord.
Lancaster.	H. V. Emmons,	Aug. 13,	1833	1st in Feb., May and Oct.
Monadnock.	E. Harmon,	Aug. 5,	1793	2nd in May, Aug., Oct. and Dec.
Orange,	W. S. Palmer,	Oct. 7,	1801	1st in Feb. May and Oct.
Piscataqua,	J. H. Stearns,	Oct. 24,	1787	3d in Jan. and quarterly.
Sullivan.	C. A. Downs,	May 26,	1829	2nd in Jan., May, July and Oct.
Suncook,	Wm. O. Carr,		1859	2nd in Jan. and quarterly.
Union.	Geo. Dustan,		1812	2nd in May, Aug. and Oct.
White River,	Wm. Sewall,		1845	2nd in Jan. and alternate months.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preachers and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. I. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical

power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of September, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, and Statistical Secretary, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the time and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. These Secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

5. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to

appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

6. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associate.

VII. COMMITTEES. I. At each meeting of the Association a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate three questions of religious doctrine or practice, one of which shall relate to the interests of Sabbath Schools, for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate three persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each; to be followed by a general discussion, speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprises, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceedings. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals, and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegates from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the Moderator.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Discussion of question relating to Sabbath Schools.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No mem-

ber shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question now be put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of the other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. The Association will maintain a fraternal relation with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberation as honorary members.

2. The Secretary may also, in special cases, at his discretion, give credentials to any member of this body, entitling him to act as its representative at the meeting of similar bodies in other states.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body in which two-thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire met for its Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting, at Laconia, in the Congregational Church, September 16, 1873, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Tucker of Manchester. Text, Phillipians, III, 10; That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings.

Subject: The Power of Christianity depends upon the way in which men know it.

After the sermon, the Association was called to order by the preacher.

The following persons were enrolled as members:

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. J. B. Hadley, Rev. D. S. Hibbard, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Rev. Q. Blakely, Rev. C. L. Tappan.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. Charles Tenney, Rev. I. C. Tyson, Rev. J. S. Gay.

Harmony—Rev. Samuel H. Riddel.

Hollis—Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. D. E. Adams, Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Rev. F. D. Sargent.

Hopkinton—Rev. Lyman White, Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D., Rev. T. C. Pratt, Rev. H. Moody, Rev. H. A. Kendall.

Monadnock—Rev. C. C. Watson, Rev. Rufus Case, Rev. F. G. Clark.

Orange—Rev. N. F. Carter, Rev. A. L. Marden.

Piscataqua—Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. J. W. Lees, Rev. W. C. Jackson, Rev. Swift Byington, Rev. T. V. Haines, Rev.

Geo. E. Street, Rev. Jacob Chapman, Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Sullivan—Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Rev. Levi Rodgers.

Sunapee—Rev. N. S. Moore.

Union—Rev. Geo. Dustan.

White River—Rev. V. J. Hartshorn.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—S. D. Osborne, Keene.

Grafton—Orrin Bugbee, Lebanon; Dea. Wm. W. Russell, Plymouth; P. Spalding, M. D., Haverhill; Robert Ford, Danbury.

Hillsborough—Wm. D. Locke, New Ipswich; Dea. A. A. Farnsworth, Peterboro; Wm. Ramsdell, Milford; Charles Parker, East Wilton.

Merrimack—C. W. Moore.

Rockingham—Dea. H. Higby, Raymond; Dea. John Stavers, Portsmouth; Dea. Joseph Dow, Hampton; Dea. S. P. Judkins, Kingston.

Strafford—R. P. Sanborn, East Tilton: Joshua P. Ayers, Wolfboro'; Dea. E W. Plummer, Milton; J. William Daniels, Alton; Luther E. Page, Gilmanton.

Dartmouth College—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. W. J. Tucker, Rev. F. Alvord, preachers.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Secretary.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Wm. F. Bacon, Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Delegate to M. E. Conference.

Rev. A. B. Rich, D. D., Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Silas Ketchum, Dea. W. G. Brown, Rev. S. L. Gerould, Essayists, &c.

Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Rev. Isaac Willey, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. S. P. Leeds, D. D., Secretaries of Benevolent Societies.

Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treasurer New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Rev. W. J. Tucker, of Manchester, was chosen Moderator; Rev. Levi Rodgers, Claremont, Scribe; Dea. Wm. W. Russell, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D., Rev. A. L. Marden and Rev. Rufus Case, were chosen a Committee of Inquiry.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

Hymn: I love Thy Kingdom, Lord.

Rev. H. A. Hazen read the Narrative of the State of Religion.

Reminiscences were given of deceased members:

Of Rev. Dr. Barstow, by Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.; of Rev. Levi Spalding, by Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D.; of Rev. Forest Jefferds, by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Delegates to Foreign Bodies, reported:

Rev. G. R. W. Scott from the Methodist Annual Conference of New-Hampshire. Rev. H. M. Stone from the Free Will Baptist Association, also from the Maine State Conference.

The Claims of the *Benevolent Societies* were presented:

Seamens' Friend Society, by Rev. S. W. Hawks.

American Tract Society, by Rev. F. B. Perkins.

American Bible Society, by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert

American Missionaay Association, by Rev. C. L. Woodworth.

American Board Foreign Missions, by Rev. Wm. Warren, D. D.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Savage, adjourned to 7½ o'clock.

Tuesday, 7½ P. M.

Rev. Asa Bullard spoke in behalf of the Congregational Publishing Society.

An Essay was read by Rev. A. B. Rich, D. D.

Subject: Future, Everlasting Punishment of the Wicked; its Position in the Christian System of Doctrine.

At its close sung, "There is a fountain filled with blood."

The supject of the Essay was discussed by Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. J. Chapman, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Rev. Geo. Pierce, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Samuel Lee, Rev. Lewis

Grant, Rev. E. Cleveland, Rev. G. H. Tilton, and Wm. Ramsdell, Esq.

Sung, Rock of Ages.

Adjourned to 8 A. M.

Wednesday, 8 A. M.

Business Meeting; opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Voted: That a committee of three be nominated by the Nominating Committee, to take into consideration some method of Ministerial Sustentation, such as has been adopted by the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and report at the next Session of this body.

Voted: That Article X. of the Constitution be amended by substituting for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sections, The following as Section 2nd: The Secretary may also in special cases at his discretion, give credentials to any member of this body, entitling him to act as its representative at the meeting of similar bodies in other States.

Voted, also: To omit from Article VIII. the following: "The substance only of letters to be communicated unless of special interest."

Rev. D. E. Adams was chosen member of Committee on Nominations.

Voted: That the General Association recommend the Treasurers of the several Counties to confer as to some uniform system of estimating the Charities of the Churches.

Voted: That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to revise the Schedule of Benevolent Societies, now in our Minutes, to correspond to the recommendations of the Council recently held at Oberlin; or report upon the proper action of this body upon the objects of our benevolence.

The chair appointed Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. F. H. Clark, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Wm. D. Lock, Dea. W. G. Brown.

9 to 10 A. M. Devotional Meeting; led by Rev. J. S. Black.

10 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Mack spoke in behalf of the Orphans' Home.

Rev. Mr. Chase addressed the Association as representa-

tive of the M. E. Churches of New-Hampshire. The Moderator responded.

Rev. W. J. Tucker, reported as delegate from this body to the Theological Seminary at Andover.

Discussion: What are the present prevailing forms of Skepticism, and by what means shall they be disproved?

Led by Rev. F. Alford and Rev. E. H. Greeley; followed by Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. C. Terry, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. J. S. Black, Rev. George Pierce, Rev. Dr. Savage, and Rev. Dr. Smith.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Tenney.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, 2. P. M.

Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Education Society.

3 o'clock. Resolutions relating to Kimball Union Academy were introduced by Rev. F. D. Ayer, as follows:

Whereas, Kimball Union Academy was, in its origin sixty years ago, a child of the churches, called into being through the labors and prayers of the fathers, for the special purpose of encouraging and assisting young men in preparing for the ministry, and this General Association was active and responsible in the measures which laid its foundations, And

Whereas, God has owned and blessed what the fathers did, in the good results which have followed, making this school, for many years, the most important contributor to Dartmouth College; assisting with thorough and Christian culture in training nearly 400 young men to go out and preach Christ in the world; and marking its course with repeated and powerful morals of religion, And,

Whereas, the necessity of increased endowments is now upon the Academy, in common with all similar institutions, if it is to maintain in the future the high rank, and continue the thorough instruction in which its great usefulness has consisted, and measures for this increase have been undertaken by the Trustees and Principal, Therefore,

Resolved, (1.) That, while we rejoice in all the good work done for learning and Christ, by any of the schools of the State, we cannot be insensible to the importance of properly strengthening and perpetuating this foundation as a preparatory School for our College; and for the special relation it has always held and continues to hold to the churches; Therefore,

Resolved, (2.) That we commend the appeal now made for increase of its endowment, and means of usefulness, to our churches and to the benevolent citizens of New-Hampshire; in the confident hope that they will devise such liberal things in its behalf, as shall make its future even more beneficent and fruitful than the part has ever been.

These resolutions were passed after remarks in their support by Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. S. A. Austin, Rev. F. Alvord, Rev. Dr. Smith.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary of the Ministers' and Widow's Charitable Fund read his annual report which was accepted.

In this connection Rev. F. D. Ayer offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this Association highly approve and recommend the plan of constituting Memorial Members of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, by the payment of ten dollars into the Treasury of said Fund for each member.

Resolved, That all the churches, connected with this Association, be requested to take up one collection every year in the month of January for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund; and at the same time invite friends to constitute themselves, or others, Memorial Members.

Remarks were made upon these resolutions by Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. J. Chapman, Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. Dr. Tobey.

The Resolutions were then passed.

Hon. J. W. Noyes, and Rev. Hiram Putnam were chosen Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

A collection was then taken for the Fund amounting to seventy-two dollars.

Discussion: What means shall be employed to bring our Congregations generally into the Sabbath School?

Opened by Dea. W. G. Brown, and S. L. Gerould; followed by Rev. F. G. Clark, Rev. —— Adams, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. G. B. Spalding, Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. J. Chapman, Rev. Rev. J. W. Lees, Rev L. S. Parker.

Prayer by Dr. Clark.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, 7 P. M.

Business meeting.

The committee on revisal of Schedule of Benevolent causes reported this

Resolution. That the present Schedule be dismissed from the Minutes of the Association; and the fol'owing causes be recommended to the churches as worthy of their support, viz:—

The American Board for Foreign Missions.
New-Hampshire Missionary Society, auxilary to the American Home Missionary Society.
American Missionary Association.
American Congregational Union.
American Education Society.
Western College Society.
Congregational Publishing Society.
Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.
New-Hampshire Bible Society.
New-Hampshire Orphans' Home.
The Home Poor.
American Tract Society.
American Seamen's Friend Society.

(The American Home Missionary Society was afterwards inserted in this list.)

It is recommended that the churches select from this list of causes according to their own judgment of their claims, and

that they contribute at such times as they shall find most convenient.

Remarks were made by Rev. J. H. Stearns, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. H. M. Stone and Mr. Ramsdell, of Milford.

The Report was adopted.

The place of meeting fixed upon for next year is Exeter, 1st. Church.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Swift Byington, Rev. Geo. E. Street, Dea. Thomas Folsom.

Preacher Before Communion—Rev. G. R. W. Scott; *Substitute*—Rev. G. B. Spalding.

Delegates to other bodies:—

To Methodist Annual Conference of New-Hampshire—Rev. Geo. Dustan; *Substitute*—Rev. J. W. Tucker.

To Free Will Baptist Yearly Conference—Rev. A. B. Peabody; *Substitute*—Rev. T. C. White.

To Andover Theological Seminary—Rev. E. H. Greeley; *Substitute*—Rev. Edward Robie.

To the Evangelical Alliance—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. W. T. Savage, D. D., *Substitutes*—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Rev. F. Alvord.

A Committee on Sustentation was chosen, consisting of Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Rev. Dr. Savage from Committee of Inquiry, reported the exercises for the meeting of the Association next year.

Adopted. (For Report see page 3.)

Rev. S. Ketchum, from Committee on the Establishing of a Congregational Newspaper, reported "That in the opinion of the Committee the interest manifested is not strong enough to warrant, and that the way does not yet appear to be open, for the establishment of such a paper as was contemplated by the Association." Accepted and adopted.

Voted: To continue the practice of printing the Narrative of the State of Religion for distribution at the annual meeting.

Discussion: How shall the church and congregation be in-

duced to consecrate their wealth to the service of the Lord?

Opened by Rev. Silas Ketchum; followed by Rev. I. C. Tyson, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. F. Alvord, Rev. W. F. Bacon, Rev. D. A. Mack, Rev. W. J. Tucker.

After singing adjourned to 8 A. M.

Thursday, 8 A. M.

Business meeting; opened with prayer.

Rev. H. A. Hazen read the Treasurer's report. Accepted.

Voted: To raise three hundred dollars upon total membership.

A committee of three, consisting of Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. C. E. Milliken and Rev. D. E. Adams, was chosen to appoint a time and place for holding a Sabbath School Convention of all denominations of Evangelical Christians, and to make all needful arrangements. The coming spring is recommended as the time for the first Convention.

Voted: To print fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes.

The Association reccommends that the ladies of each of the churches of this State, as far as is practicable, form a Woman's Board of Missions, to co-operate with American Board.

9 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

10 A. M. A vote was unanimously passed tendering the thanks of the Association to the Pastor of the church in Laconia, for his "unwearied diligence during the meetings;" to the choir for their "aid in the service of praise;" and to the families of the church and town, for their "generous greeting and large-hearted hospitality," and for "the prompt and efficient manner in which the unexpected increase of attendance was provided for;" also to the railroads that have assisted delegates by reduction of fares.

Voted: That at the close of the Communion Service the Association adjourn to meet at Exeter, the Tuesday after the second Sabbath in September, 1874.

The Sermon before the Communion was by Rev. F. Alvord;

text, John X. 25; The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. Subject: How can Christians in the most convincing manner meet the prevailing skepticism of our day?

Rev. Dr. Bouton and Rev. Edward Buxton officiated at the table.

Adjourned.

W. J. TUCKER, *Moderator.*

LEVI RODGERS, *Scribe.*

W. W. RUSSELL, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

One name must be dropped from our register this year, *clarum et venerabile nomen*—which has held its place there longer than any that will remain. It is fourteen years since the death of Rev. Enos George, of Barnstead, removed the last predecessor of Dr. Barstow in the pastoral office in New-Hampshire; and his nearest successor is the venerable pastor of the church in Webster, Mr. Buxton, who was installed nineteen years later, in 1837. Dr. Humphrey Moore, who died at Milford two years ago, was earlier a pastor, but he had been for several years dismissed.

Zedekiah Smith Barstow was born in Canterbury, Conn., Oct. 4, 1790; graduated from Yale College in 1813; taught in New Haven and, as tutor, in Hamilton College, where he declined a Professorship, having such men as Pres. Wolsey, and others similarly eminent, among his pupils; and in the winter of 1818 came to Keene, finding there cordial welcome, and ordination to the pastorate July 1st. In this office he remained active for fifty years, and *emeritus* five years, having the assistance of three colleagues during the last thirteen years; his death closing a serene and happy old age, March 1st. He has left a name to be held in high honor by the town, the state, the country and the churches—he loved and served so well. A man of courtly presence and noble manners, he preserved and illustrated among us the traditions of the Old School, in other ways as well as ecclesiastical; for he continued to his death a member of the Londonderry Presbytery, and was often its Commissioner in the meetings of the General Assembly. Foregoing flattering prospects in an educational and literary career, he chose the pulpit and the duties of a New England pastor for his life-work.

As a preacher he was forcible and effective; his faith in the doctrines of grace was deep and abiding; and in the early controversy between Orthodoxy and Unitarianism in New-Hampshire, he was the acknowledged champion on the Evangelical side. Foremost and ardent in all moral, educational and religious enterprises, he was a tower of strength in every good cause. Of unblemished life, eminent in practical wisdom, and genial spirit, his influence in private life was even greater and happier, than that of his more public career. His scholarship and scholarly habits were always conspicuous. He was one of our, too few, Hebrew students, and Stephen's Thesaurus was one of his hand-books. It is a touching illustration, and characteristic both of his religious feeling, and his familiarty with and fondness for the New Testament Greek, that during one of the last days of his life, his son overheard him repeating in low and earnest tones Paul's triumphant conclusion of the fifteenth chapter of 1st Cor., "Oh Death, where is thy sting?" in the original. Dr. Barstow was three times Moderator of this General Association; at Plymouth in 1835, at Lyme in 1839, and, with special fitness, at the Semi-Centennial Meeting in 1859 at Boscawen. He also presided over the Semi-Centennial Meeting of the Missionary Society at Acworth, and was for some years one of its Trustees. He was also its Preacher at Plymouth in 1835, and before the Association at Portsmouth in 1820, and of the Communion sermon in 1859; and, from 1840 to 1851, he was the Corresponding Secretary of this body. He served as Trustee of Kimball Union Academy from 1822 to 1843, and held the same office at Dartmouth College thirty-seven years, resigning in 1871. Only Eden Burroughs, Charles Marsh, and Nathan Lord have been so long associated in its councils, unless Daniel Blaisdell, its faithful Treasurer for thirty-eight years, is to be remembered. During all these years, Dr. Barstow never failed of attending the annual meeting of the Trustees, at Commencement, and giving courteous attention to the senior speakers. May the brother upon whom his mantle in Keene has, this year, fallen, carry with him and find there a similar felicity in the permanence and usefulness of his ministry.

The same year in which Dr. Barstow came to Keene, another

young man, having completed his studies at Hanover and Andover, went out from the neighboring church, in Jaffrey, to serve the churches in the foreign field; and it is not the least remarkable among the striking coincidences in which death has, this year, associated so many names, eminent in age and honor among the churches, that Levi Spalding has so soon followed Dr. Barstow to the heavenly rest. He died in Ceylon, June 18, after a service without parallel for length in our missionary history—fifty-four years; and during all this time he re-visited America but once, in 1843. This circumstance, partly, explains the fact that his name has been less widely familiar among the churches, than those of many others whose labors and usefulness did not surpass, if they were equal to, his own. His mastery of the Tamil language was very perfect, and made his labors in the translation of the Scripture and in preaching of peculiar value, while his life-work, of fifty years, in the Odooville Seminary, has given him far-reaching and enduring influence. He was in many ways a remarkable man, original and of native force, as well as godly simplicity. He loved his Master, and his work for heathen souls, with singular ardor; and was wise in council, as untiring in action. We may well bless God to-day, that our churches and our college have been privileged to send out to the world such a man as Levi Spaulding.

Death has spared our own ministry the past year, but four who formerly labored in New-Hampshire have been called away.

Rev. Forrest Jefferds, who died in South Boston, June 20, was five years pastor of the church in Epping, from October 5, 1826, to October 30, 1831. He was born in Wells, Maine, in 1794, and graduated at Bangor in 1825. Leaving Epping, he was fifteen years pastor in Middleton, Mass., where the church was greatly strengthened, and many added to it. After a short pastorate in Barrington R. I., he came to Boston in 1852, and spent eight years in City Mission service; and since 1860, as health and the infirmities of age permitted, he has done similar work. He was faithful in the service of Christ and wise to win souls.

Rev. Philander Bates, who died suddenly in Ludlow, Vt., April 9th, was born in Southampton, Mass., 1819; graduated

at Amherst and Andover, and spent most of his ministry in Vermont, Michigan, and New York. He was acting pastor of the church in Cornish from 1867 to 1870, where his labors were blessed in doubling the membership of the church. He endeared himself to those who knew him as a sincere, humble, earnest and good minister.

Rev. Jonas DeForest Richards son of Joel and Miriam Smith Richards, was born in Hartford, Vt., Dec. 28, 1809. He taught in Thetford Academy two years, before completing his course at Dartmouth College, and was afterward tutor in Marietta. He studied theology in Union and Andover Seminaries, graduating at the latter in 1840, and was ordained at Charlestown, May 28. 1841. Here he remained in a successful pastorate until Oct., 1851. In June, 1853, he was installed at Chester, Vt; remaining till 1858, when he removed to Weathersfield, Vt. and supplied the church in Weathersfield Center. In 1862 he went to College Hill, Ohio, to the charge of the Ohio Female Seminary, but the death of Major Jarvis, of a Vermont regiment in the war, recalled him to Vermont in 1865. He subsequently went to Wilcox County, Alabama, and while residing there was elected a State Senator, and to a professorship in Alabama University; but the ostracism of Northern men by Southern opinion, would not allow him to retain this place, and he died at Mobile, in Custom House service, Dec. 2, 1872, in the peace and hope of Christian faith. He was a man of warm heart, genial and cultivated, and of true piety, and fills a large place in the memory of those who best knew his worth.

There died also in Chicago, Aug. 30, a venerable minister, who for significant work, in significant times, deserves to be remembered in New-Hampshire. David Root was born in Pomfret, Vt., June 15, 1791. Out of poverty and through severe toil, he fought his way to a liberal education, and graduated at Middlebury. Some years of Missionary labor followed in Georgia, where his knowledge of the Slave system ripened into an abhorence which gave tone to all his career. He became pastor Sept. 4, 1819, of the 2nd. Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, and his ministry there of 13 years, added 344 members to its previously small number, and is remembered, still, as

very useful. From Cincinnati he came, in 1832, to Dover, where he was installed Feb 6, 1833, and continued pastor till Sept. 4, 1839. His work in Dover was notable for his active sympathy with the Anti-slavery conflict, then raging. He delivered many lectures and addresses, and it is stated that his native gifts as an orator were remarkable and his courage equal to any emergency. Once he volunteered to conduct George Thompson through an angry crowd; and they reached safety only with torn clothes and faces covered with blood. After a ministry in Waterbury, Conn., made brief by his Reform sentiments, he was seven years pastor in Guilford, Conn., and then removed in 1851 to New Haven, where, and in Chicago since 1867, his life was spent. He outlived his two wives and seven children; one daughter, the wife of Hon. Horace White, editor in chief of the *Chicago Tribune*, preceding him but a few months to the grave. While he lived, the Yale Divinity School received $20,000 from him, Beloit College $10,000 and the American Missionary Association $5,000 in 1866. He fought a good fight and lived to rejoice in the victory, for which he had endured so much.

Are our churches making any real progress or holding their own in the population of New-Hampshire? The death of Dr. Barstow gives timely significance to this question, in the review of his long ministry, and I have prepared a table, comparing the population and the membership of our churches for the last six census years. Figures are instructive, even if they can only tell a part of the truth. It is to be remembered that our system of reporting has only come to approximate completeness within the last twenty-five years, and some allowances may be due in the earlier years, but I think the results are substantially trustworthy.

Year.	Population.	Ch. Members.	Proportion.	
1820	244,022	12,626	1 to 19.3	Same
1830	269,328	14,857	1 to 18.1	to
1840	284,574	22,082	1 to 12.9	Resident
1850	317,976	17,605	1 to 18	Members
1860	326,073	20,200	1 to 16.1	1 to 19.4
1870	318,300	19,185	1 to 16.6	1 to 20

It will be seen that in the fifty years, our churches have gained relatively as well as absolutely, the ratio changing from 1 in 19.3 to 1 in 16.6. The progress has not been uniform. From 1830 to 1840, powerful revivals blessed the churches, and the members went up from 14,800 to 22,000, about the highest figures we have ever reached. In the next decade, the decline of 4,500 is surprising. The reports for three or four years, near 1850, are unusually defective; still the facts cannot be far from, if they are less extreme than the exhibit of the table. There is progress again from 1850 to 1860 to 20,000, and again in the last decade a loss of 1000. Remembering all the facts and influences of the emigration, which depopulates our farming towns, to build up prosperous communities and churches in the cities and the West, these results are less discouraging, than at first sight they may appear. But certainly there is much in them, to summon us to larger activity, and more earnest prayer, if the years to come are not to witness our increasing desolations.

Turning now to the more immediate review of the churches, we may begin with our Northern outpost:

Coos Conference—Here are ten churches. Two of these, in Bethlehem and Franconia, the reporter describes as absorbed, the former in the Methodist, the latter in the Free Will Baptist churches. In West Stewartstown, also, a Methodist preacher is appointed at the united request of all the Christian people. Colebrook has expended $6,000 in remodeling and refitting its church edifice, which was rededicated June 17th. After two years without a minister, this church has just engaged Rev. L. W. Harris, from Lunenburgh, Vermont, as acting pastor.

Littleton is one of the very few churches which report this year refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The Week of Prayer was observed by union meetings in the three churches, which were continued for nineteen weeks, and marked throughout, by what the pastor regards as the feature of the revival—persistant effort. Mr. Fowler assisted the pastors three or four weeks. For once Littleton seemed to be in religious ferment. There was not a gathering in family or grog-shop

where the revival was not talked of, to approve or ridicule and curse.

During the second and third weeks, no special cases of interest were manifest, and most of the people seemed to have done their year's praying. But after this, the Spirit's power was more manifest. Three meetings a day, prayer meeting in the forenoon, preaching to Christians, or converts' and enquiry meeting in the afternoon, and preaching to the unconverted in the evening, were continued from the 9th to the 15th week. Two meetings were continued through the 18th, and one to the end of the 19th, when God's plain Providence seemed to say, "Go no farther." During this period, not less than 180 had asked for prayers, or taken the anxious seat, and I think it safe to say that at least 130 gave good evidence of conversion. There was at no time any general giving way or breaking down among the impenitent. The work went on only by constant effort, which the Spirit blessed. From the outset, we aimed at our business men, but are obliged to confess that their ranks were hardly broken. Many of the converts are quite young. The thorough denominational harmony should be gratefully mentioned.

Grafton Conference reports 22 churches; but three of these, in Dorchester, Bridgewater and Thornton, have no other existence than what inheres in a handful of aged and scattered members. How long several such names should be retained in our register, for annual reporting, the Association will do well to consider. The Secretary of Strafford Conference recommends that four such be dropped.

Bath is rallying from the severe loss of its uninsured church, —has $6,000 raised for a new meeting-house, and the frame well advanced, and employs Rev. E. Cleveland as acting pastor. Canaan reports vitality in the church, though so long inactive. Repairs are about to be made on the meeting-house, to keep it ready for use, and a strong desire is expressed by some, not Christians, that Congregational preaching may be re-established. Enfield is courageous, and moving for a new meeting-house; $2,500, almost secured, will begin the work. Groton has a student supply for four months, whose labors are very acceptable. In Hebron, a Methodist minister is supported,

with the assurance that they in turn will support Congregational preaching, next year. Hanover Center, after some discouragement and delay, is again supplied by Rev. D. B. McClenning. From the College and College Church the report is hopeful. President Smith writes: "There were a number of hopeful conversions last year, embracing some of the best minds in the College. Of the large and excellent class which graduated in June, at least one fifth, it is thought, will enter the ministry. The second Sabbath service has been changed from afternoon to evening, and the Sabbath School is now held in the afternoon. This has proved a great benefit to the school. A larger number of the students take part in it, and the attendance has increased. Worship in the College Chapel has been transferred from the morning to five o'clock P. M. with great gain in various respects. The time given to it is slightly increased and affords opportunity for a brief address by the President, and no religious exercise of the week, is attended, apparently, with greater interest. The new college year opens auspiciously, with a large accession of students, and the President and Faculty earnestly ask the prayers of the General Association and the churches, that the College may share largely the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit." Lebanon has declined to accept the offered resignation of its pastor for twenty-five years. Lyme has again lost its pastor, from failure of health and voice; and Mr. E. P. Butler, recently graduated from Hartford Seminary, is now acting pastor.

Piermont has made some repairs on its church. Plymouth has reluctantly dismissed its pastor to the call of the First Church in Keene, and, with commendable promptness, has filled his place by the ordination, as his successor, of Mr. George H. Scott, of Vergennes, Vt., and the last class at Andover, on the 3d inst. It has, at the same time, secured a good parsonage as a generous addition to the provision it has made for the support of its pastor. The establishment of the State Normal School at Plymouth makes the field and work of this church the more important, and it found in Mr. Pearl, the Principal, a member and co-worker greatly valued and beloved. His death is a serious loss to the church, as well as to the State.

Strafford Conference covers a large territory, and embraces the three counties of Belknap, Carroll and Strafford, into which the old Strafford County is divided. It reports thirty-two churches,—eight with pastors, fourteen acting pastors, and ten vacant.

Alton has been supplied mostly from Andover, and is still trying to secure a parsonage, "in hope of a settled ministry bye-and-bye." The pastor at Barnstead Parade reports "things as prosperous as a year ago," and concludes if they "hold their own with deaths and removals not a little is accomplished." The Sabbath School embraces nearly the whole congregation, and is regarded as the most interesting part of their work.

Centre Harbor reports increase of ten members, but how, with no admissions, does not appear. Mr. Tobey has left his charge here, and the church has employed Rev. Jotham Sewall. Conway dismissed its pastor in December, and has had preaching from Andover mostly since. Rev. S. G. Norcross is now engaged. Increased attendance and interest in the Sabbath School. The library has received 100 volumes, presented by a lady in town. Durham has again a pastor, H. L. Talbot, ordained Jan. 1, 1873. $750 have been expended upon a meeting-house, and this fact, with the want of a pastor, is suggested as explaining deficit in charitable collections. The congregation is increasing, and the Sabbath School and prayer-meeting show more interest. The church in Effingham has lost, by death, Deacon Clark, and its clerk, Josiah Dearborn, and is reduced to eleven resident members. But they have repaired the meeting-house the past year, and some hope, as well as pray, for a better state of things there. Farmington has also received a pastor, having ordained Mr. Titus in April. His labors have been interrupted by illness this summer, but this church is gaining strength and hope in its work. Gilmanton Center has lost six members; Mr. Thomas Adams, for many years its worthy deacon, has recently died. The Sabbath School has gained. The pastor writes: "We need more than one thing, but above all the reviving and quickening influences of the Holy Spirit; apparently we are very much as a year ago,—fewer, but in as hopeful a condition." The contributions of this church have

increased considerably; an unusual item in the reports this year. Gilmanton Iron Works reports no special religious interest, no additions, but several new faces in the congregation. Some, it is hoped, will soon unite with the church. The extreme inclemency of the winter, with bad roads, was found here, as elsewhere, a serious hinderance to public services. Worship was omitted on two Sabbaths, and the Sabbath School suspended from February to June.

In Laconia, the prosperity of the church, under the labors of Mr. Bacon, has been marked and gratifying. Some church discipline has been harmoniously conducted and with beneficial results; increase of brotherly love among members of the church; attendance at prayer-meetings larger; praise-meetings very full, and interest in church and congregation both more encouraging. Sabbath School and contributions are larger than last year. Inquiry has been made for non-resident members, and twenty-five or thirty names have been, by vote of the church, dropped from the register, of those who are dead, or could not be heard of. The reporter inquires if a similar process in other churches would not contribute to the veracity of their statistics. The church in Lee has been active at home and abroad, in raising funds for a parsonage, now nearly finished. The pastor preaches every Sabbath afternoon in Madbury, the only religious service in that town, receiving $200 increase of salary from this source. The Sabbath School has gained thirty members, and the chapel must be enlarged. The church in Meredith, after trying the unhappy experiment of running through a class or two of candidates from Andover, without success, has at length been permitted to welcome a pastor, Rev. G. I. Bard, who came to them from Dunbarton, and was installed Jan. 2nd. He writes: "Our women have been encouraged to break silence, and it has been of incalculable advantage. During the winter we held numerous meetings. Considerable religious feeling was awakened, and we have a few names to be reckoned among the quickened and renewed. Several are ready to unite with the church, and the Sabbath School shows new life." One dangerous and questionable ex-

pedient is reported: "Contributions laid aside for a while, hope soon to resume."

The youngest of our New-Hampshire churches, at Milton Mills, has been richly blessed during the year. Its acting pastor, D. B. Scott, writes: "Some discouragements, but no defeats, for the Lord is on our side. We gratefully acknowledge the good things of the past, and hope for still greater things in the future." Twenty-three have united with the church on profession, and fifteen have been baptized,—seven infants,—a cheering statement in the too wide-spread neglect of this ordinance. The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book has been introduced, and a friend has given a rich communion service. The church in Rochester has added seven and lost seven members, but it is believed there has been advancement in the divine life on the part of many, and that their influence in the town is salutary. Union temperance meetings of much interest and spirit have been held the last Sabbath evening of each month, and a Temperance League formed, embracing three or four hundred of the leading men and women of the village. The apparent result is a gratifying decrease in intemperance, profanity and kindred vices, and more of peace and good order. The people are determined to maintain the law for the suppression of the vice and crime of the rum traffic. Here is reported the Banner Sabbath School of the Conference, The uniform lessons have been used two years, and teachers' meetings are conducted by the pastor. The attendance has gained forty-six per cent. this year. Sanbornton is another of the churches in the hill country which have just held their own. The pastor writes: "As before in our experience the peaceful and triumphant death of one of our members, long a pillar in the society, was followed, in God's providence, by the immediate union of two of his children with the church. Thus does God have respect to the covenant, and in place of the fathers he raises up the children. A poor cripple girl in the parish, not credited, once, with average intelligence, is now under the teaching of the Spirit, developing a remarkable Christian character with unexpected mental power. The Sabbath School is taking a fresh start under the care of a leading citizen who united with

the church three years ago, and brings enthusiasm to his work. Salmon Falls has lost its acting pastor, and all the figures reported show the decrease which is too customary in such cases. In Great Falls, Rev. S. W. Webb has become acting pastor. A loss of seven members is reported, but the Sabbath School is still the largest in the Conference. Wakefield reports progress. A legacy of $500 has been left to the church by Mr. E. Rollins; the parsonage has been repaired and painted and much improved, and contributions are larger. Sabbath School well sustained, and library increased during the winter. Wolfeborough has dismissed its pastor, T. A. Emerson, to become the colleague, and since the successor, of the venerable Dr. Storrs, of Braintree, and now looks prayerfully for another to fill his place. Congregations and social meetings have been well sustained, and at times with marked interest. The Sabbath School has hardly held its own; five children were baptized in May. Wolfeborough North is enjoying the labors of G. S. Bell, a theological student. He reports services well attended, and people attentive to the word; church members seem to have earnest Christian zeal, and to be growing in grace. Tamworth has been without a minister through the year, but reports efforts in progress to obtain one.

Merrimack Conference, at the heart of the Commonwealth, embraces twenty-five churches. Nine have pastors, nine acting pastors, and seven are vacant. Andover rejoices in the privilege of helping to build up other churches by dismissing four members to them, and while scattering abroad feels increased strength at home. The new Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book has been introduced, and a valuable organ obtained at a discount from its real worth. Canterbury has repaired its church at expense of $425. It has received a legacy of $200 from Dea. Whidden, who also left $1,400 to the Missionary Society. The week of Prayer was observed, with interest. Mr. Gould, the acting pastor of Chichester for eight years, removed in November to Nelson, and the church was unsupplied till June, when Rev. Horace Pratt was engaged for three months. Dea. Marden has removed from the town and his loss is seriously felt. The adjoining church in Epsom has been unsupplied

through most of the year. Why should not these sister churches form a colleague arrangement, by which they could lay a broad foundation for a good and stable pastorate, assume a practical independence not otherwise attainable, and set a good example to various churches in the State for which some such plan affords the only hope that they can long maintain any regular ministerial service?

In Concord the year has been marked by external prosperity, calling for gratitude. The converts of last year have made good progress in Christian growth. In June the First Church lost, by fire, its meeting-house, fragrant with many precious and hallowed associations, but a new and more adequate structure will soon replace it, and the building of it may, as often happens, bring enlargement and spiritual blessing with it. The Sabbath School has increased, and several members teach in the Prison School. The South Church reports thankfulness for thirty-eight additions, mostly on profession, but no special interest during the year. The general interest has been well sustained, as shown in the prayer-meetings and occasional conversions. A temperance pledge has been signed by a large number of the scholars and teachers in the Sabbath School, embracing some of the most influential men in the church and city. We fight rum in the Sabbath School by training a generation who will not touch, taste, nor handle it. Two Mission Sabbath Schools are sustained, and one lay brother, with the pastor's sanction, has commenced a preaching service two miles out. The Monthly Concert is among our best meetings. The Sabbath School shows unabated interest; uses the uniform lessons. Concord West reports some increase of congregation, more interest in Sabbath School, with $250 expended on library, furnishing a catalogue and improved delivery system. Prayer-meetings well sustained, and a source of strength and enjoyment. A temperance society embraces many of the young people, and its labors have borne good fruit. Concord East reports a peculiar strengthening process in the going out from them of a number who have not been in harmony with them, in views of truth and modes of worship. They have established meetings by themselves, and more harmony and spiritual life are devel-

oped in the church. Congregation and Sabbath School have increased, and the pecuniary affairs of the society are more prosperous. Dunbarton has suffered the loss of its pastor, and for some months united with the Baptist church in a common service, but is again supplied by Mr. William E. Spear. Several conversions have occurred during the year. Fisherville has also granted its pastor release from further service, his health and strength not being equal to continued labors. His heart has been cheered, in resigning his charge, by welcoming twenty to the church, mostly on profession, and an earnest, hopeful spirit seems to animate his people. Franklin, declining to accept the resignations of Dr. Savage, has set about measures of progress and improvement, such as he felt were damanded, and encourage him to remain. A new chapel is to be built. "Songs for the Sanctuary" have been introduced, and the problem how best to raise and increase the charitable contributions, is receiving special attention. Indeed, this church seems to have learned something in this school already, for the amount contributed last year, $2,415, is second only to the Franklin St. Church in Manchester, and gives an average to the resident members of $20.64,—$9.54 higher than any other church in the State. The Orphans' Home, in which our churches are so largely interested, prospers under the fortunate supervision of Judge Nesmith, and the diligent care of Mr. Mack, and promises to do a very Christian and much-needed work for New-Hampshire.

Henniker has also been called to part with its pastor, whose health compels him to retire from public speaking. Some religious interest was enjoyed in the winter, and there were about twenty conversions. Twelve have just been examined for admission to the church, and others will soon join them. Hopkinton still enjoys the services of Dr. Young. A new organ has been purchased, costing $1,600. Congregations and Sabbath evening meetings have been better attended, and the Sabbath School gains interest in the use of the Pilgrim series of lessons. One member of the Sabbath School has become hopefully pious, and one not a member. A few Christians have become more active and decided.

Pembroke enjoys a good degree of outward prosperity; some increase of interest during the winter, and extra meetings followed the Week of Prayer for some time. The Sabbath School has increased to more than two hundred. Well-attended meetings are held Sabbath afternoons in different school-houses. Our great need is the fuller manifestation of the Spirit.

Pittsfield dismissed its pastor in November, and has since been only in part and irregularly supplied. The neglect of the prayer-meetings and other Christian activities is disheartening to the few who love the ways of Zion. This is an important field to cultivate for Christ. Salisbury labors under many discouragements, and is peculiarly weakened by death and emigration. The church in Tilton has wisely commemorated its 50th anniversary, with an historical address from Dr. Hoyt, the only survivor of its original members. Former pastors, Conant and Curtice, contributed much to the interest of the occasion. The effect on the church and society was salutary, and gave new courage, in comparing the past with the present. The pastor was installed in October, the debt has peen paid, and measures taken for the more prompt and regular payment of current expenses. Warner has dismissed its pastor to Galesburg, Ill., and Rev. M. A. Gates has become acting pastor. Webster has now the senior pastor of the State, and I quote appropriate words from his report: "The church is in a quiet, but rather unprogressive state. Our meetings are usually pretty well attended. But as I look over my field of labor my pastoral anxiety is awakened by an apparent lack of spiritual and effective piety in the church, and of religious interest among the people. In the church we need the apostle's exhortation: 'We desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.' We need growth in spiritual knowledge, proceeding from the first principles of the doctrine of Christ—onward to those higher doctrines which are the strong meat appropriate to those of full age in Christ, the whole being embraced with a living and working faith; overcoming the world, and laying hold on eternal life."

Sullivan Conference embraces but thirteen churches; three have pastors; three acting pastors, and seven are unsupplied. Claremont has enjoyed some religious interest, and the same is true of Washington, which has repaired its meeting-house. All the meeting-houses in the county are described as in good repair, except in Croydon. Cornish has sent its minister to become pastor at Meriden—where he finds hearty welcome to an important field. Kimball Union Academy, in which our churches have so many reasons for interest, finds its new Principal, Rev. L. A. Austin, the right man in the right place; and was never better equipped for giving good and thorough culture to its pupils. These have increased somewhat, and their deportment has been excellent. A good state of religious feeling has marked the year. The effort for the enlarged endowment, which is indispensable to its future prosperity, has been unfortunately delayed, but will soon be resumed, and, it is believed, under better auspices. From Croydon a report is made which you will thank me for repeating. Mr. John Cooper writes: "I have made out another sad report of our church, but it is probably nearly the last which will be made; for I have nearly numbered my threescore years and ten, and I am below the average of our church in years. But little remains for us to do but prepare for the change that awaits us. Our young people leave town, and, if their places are filled, it is either by those who care nothing about religion, or else worship at another altar. God only can cause Congregationalism to flourish again in Croydon. Nor are these other denominations filling the place of the old church. Methodism is almost ready to expire." An over true and sad picture, and one which describes other towns in New-Hampshire as forcibly as Croydon.

Cheshire Conference numbers twenty-eight churches. Of these the reporter says, most are small in numbers and weak in pecuniary means. Some can scarcely be said to be strengthening the things that remain, but are slowly declining in numbers, and probably in spiritual power. A few maintain healthful growth. No general revival or unusual interest has been enjoyed in these churches, and yet in a larger number than usual there have been more or less cases of hopeful conversion. The favor

of God has been given in other ways, and nearly all report fair prosperity. Mr. Norton has been dismissed from Fitzwilliam, where Rev. John Colby is to supply till April; and Mr. Karr from Keene, succeeded by Rev. Cyrus Richardson, who goes under very favorable auspices to this important field. Rindge, after long waiting for a pastor, at last installs Rev. F. G. Clark, for some years city missionary in Manchester. The cause of Temperance is not receiving the attention and persistent work essential to its steady progress. It suffers from spasmodic efforts and reactions. Sabbath Schools increase in interest, and several reports speak of greater profit, in the use of the Uniform Lessons. Nine of these churches have pastors and nine acting pastors. Most of the latter receive but a very inadequate support, laboring hard, with no very cheering prospects of future growth and enlargement. The two churches in Westmoreland are said to be ready to unite in sustaining a pastor, if the right man can be found. Harrisville and Dublin set their neighbors a good example, and find their own comfort and profit in such a colleague arrangement.

Hillsborough Conference embraces thirty-three churches; twenty-nine Congregational and four Presbyterian, having nineteen pastors, eleven acting pastors, and three unsupplied. Amherst has also declined to accept the resignation of its pastor, and we are spared the loss of one of our oldest ministers from active service. Dr. Wallace, after a pastorate of thirty-four years in Manchester, has resigned, and been released from service. The reason for this step is the conviction that the position can be better filled by a younger man. Entire harmony continues between this honored pastor and his people, and he leaves the church strong and united. His farewell sermon was preached the last Sabbath in July. Nine hundred and twenty-four members had been received to the church during his ministry; 120 have died, and 570 remain. He had attended 1,150 funerals, and solemnized 1,164 marriages. The death of Mrs. Wallace, May 15, has taken from our father and brother a wife of rare attainments and worth, as the helpmeet of a minister, and he has a very wide and tender sympathy in his loss and loneliness.

Mr. Bessom has been dismissed from New Boston, and Mr. Seccombe has left Francestown, returning to the Northwest, in Dakota. Milford has received a pastor, Rev. George E. Pierce, and Mr. John Bragdon has become acting pastor at Hillsborough Bridge, and Rev. S. D. Clark at Temple.

In Amherst the Sabbath School has increased, and the use of the "Uniform Lessons" adds to the interest. Good evidence is given that the Temperance cause is not retrograding. Bedford has adopted the envelope system in its benevolent contributions, with good effect. Twice the amount formerly given was taken the first year, and last year it increased from $506 to $616.

Bennington reports good progress and prospects; asks no Missionary aid. The Good Templars are gathering numbers, and a Temperance Association with eighty members meets monthly. Many have signed the pledge for the first time. Francestown has been blessed and souls converted. The whole town has been canvassed, and Mr. Potter assisted the pastor about a week. Sabbath School well attended, and concert very interesting. An organ has been purchased and placed in a recess behind the pulpit, and "Songs for the Sanctuary" introduced. Goffstown reports progress and encouragement; congregation and Sabbath School increasing; more spiritual life and some souls converted. Measures taken with good effect to restrain the rum traffic. Greenville is reparing church, and uses with profit the "Uniform Lessons." Open sale of intoxicating drinks effectually suppressed. Hancock reports unusual religious interest. Hillsborough Bridge makes progress under Mr. Bragdon's labors; congregation increased from 115 to 150. Col. Henry D. Pierce has succeeded in closing every public bar. Hillsborough Center has enjoyed spiritual refreshing; sinners converted and Christians strengthened. In Hollis the Temperance Society flourishes, with monthly meetings, and an Anti-Tobacco Society has 70 members.

From Manchester, the First Church reports Sabbath School large for the congregation, and flourishing. In the Franklin St. Church the Sabbath School is large and active, and one peculiar feature here is, that the pastor and superintend-

ent prepare and print their own lessons, in annual or semi-annual installments. The subject for this year is the Life of Christ. Fresh and original work of this kind in the Sabbath School or any service is sure to be fruitful. An entire class of nine young ladies has united with the church, and develope a very natural and helpful type of piety. This church has opened a reading-room for young women, throwing open the parlors of the church and putting an efficient lady in charge, to welcome and attract visitors. The result has been very satisfactory; thirty or forty have been brought into the Sabbath School. The effort will be enlarged next year. Expense, $500.

Mont Vernon has closed the only liquor store in town, and rejoices in a new organ. But this church has been specially blessed in the pouring out of the Spirit upon it. Some interest and solicitude, respecting the depletion which years were working here, was felt during the winter, and prayer was made to God for help. In early spring two marked cases of conversion indicated the Spirit's presence—one of a man past three-score years, living remote and alone with the Bible and the Spirit; the other a man over fifty, and one of the last men in town who would have been expected ever to renounce the world for Christ. More attention to the Word encouraged the church to hold a series of meetings from April 27 to May 1; Mr. Potter, the evangelist, assisting. The interest has continued, and, as the result, so far (in June,) some forty have expressed hope in Christ, some professors have seemed to be reconverted, long-standing differences reconciled; and, though several youth are among the hopeful converts, the majority are men in middle life and heads of families; some of the most influential in town. If time shall prove it the work of the Holy Spirit, as we trust it is, the result will be almost an entire revolution in the town.

The churches in Nashua send favorable tidings: some additions; Sabbath Schools increasing and the "Uniform Lessons" used with profit. The Olive St. Church has procured a good organ; union meetings for Temperance are held.

New Ipswich has cleared off a debt of long standing and introduced "Songs for the Sanctuary." Efforts to suppress the sale

of liquors are meeting with success, and the town has been canvassed for signers of the pledge. With some discouragements, there is, also, much to hope for in this town. Peterborough reports a new chapel and outward prosperity. Wilton has enjoyed a good degree of religious interest. A Young People's Christian Union holds literary meetings every fortnight, for discussions and recitations; opened and closed with prayer. The pastor has not in thirteen years seen the rum traffic so effectually stopped. A debt of $1,600 has been paid, and "Songs for the Sanctuary" adopted.

Rockingham Conference has also thirty-three churches, of which two are Presbyterian; fourteen have pastors, thirteen acting pastors, and six are vacant. Rev. Charles F. Morse, former missionary in Bulgaria, was installed at Atkinson in September, and Mr. Martyn, after a year's supply, has become pastor at Portsmouth. Rev. Charles Packard is installed at Windham, and Mr. Robert Haskins at Derry. Candia, after long waiting for the pastor of its choice, that he might finish his course at Andover, rejoices at last in his ordination over them. It has also gathered, as the fruits of the remarkable work of grace enjoyed last year (and perhaps still continuing), thirty-nine members. Rev. W. A. Patten has become acting pastor again at Deerfield, Mr. Aldrich at Rye, and Mr. Bowker at Salem, leaving his pastorate in Raymond. Mr. House has gone from Londonderry, after a fifteen years' ministry, to Barrington, R. I., and Rev. Lucius Alden is no longer reported as the minister at Newcastle. Hampton employs Rev. F. D. Chandler, lately of the Methodist Conference. The large and important churches in Londonderry and Raymond are reported vacant, but should not long remain so.

SUMMARY.

The churches number 194. The church in Chatham, Coos County, reports to the Maine Conference, and has not before been placed on our list, though its house of worship is in New-Hampshire, and it receives aid from our Missionary Society. The church in Shelburne is also reported in Maine, and, though quite feeble, has still as much claim to be counted as a dozen others which we enumerate.

Since the publication of the Minutes for 1872, thirteen pastors have been installed, (five with ordination,) and fifteen dismissed. Dr. Barstow has died. There was an error of one in last year's report, and one pastor, who has been absent from his charge in Bath two years, neglecting to ask for his desired dismission, is dropped from the Register. This leaves nominally seventy-one pastors, of whom two have resigned, but are not yet dismissed; Mr. Jewett and Dr. Wallace.

Sixty-nine churches have sixty-eight acting pastors; fifty-four churches are not supplied, and fifty-nine ministers have no charge. Of these latter, two are Secretaries and one is City Missionary, eight are Instructors, (five in Dartmouth College,) five are in business out of New-Hampshire, one is State Historian, and of three I have no information. Thirty-nine remain; of whom twenty-six are, by reason of age or other disability, in no sense candidates for ministerial service, and thirteen are, more or less, ready for employment. Of the vacant churches twenty are not likely long to remain so, and twelve or fifteen are so far reduced as to maintain no worship or meetings of any kind, and have no prospect of so doing except as some great change shall pass upon them.

Our 194 churches are found in 166 of the 235 towns in the State, leaving sixty-nine towns in which we have no churches. Fifteen of these towns, with a population of 2,864, have no church of any kind. The Methodists have 123 churches in 111 towns; the Free Will Baptists, 121 churches in 96 towns; the Baptists, 85 churches in 79 towns; and the Episcopalians, 22 churches in 20 towns. This gives a total of 545 churches, commonly known as evangelical, in the State, or an average of two and one-third to each town. Twenty-four towns have none but Congregational or Presbyterian churches; nineteen have only Free Will Baptist; six have only Methodist, and three only Baptist.

TABLE

SHOWING MEMBERSHIP, SITTINGS, AND PROPERTY OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE CHURCHES.

Denomination.	Number.	Members.	Sittings.	Property.
Congregational and Presbyterian,	180	19,270	71,000	$1,215,380
Methodist,	123	10,684	36,351	475.000
Baptist,	85	8,138	26,613	410,167
Free Will Baptist,	121	8,000	25,311	249,333
Episcopalian,	20	1,308	7,475	203,800
Friends,	10		3,585	15,500
Christians,	22		4,600	42,400
Second Advent,	20		4,405	25,200
Unitarian,	16		7,830	207,000
Universalist,	16		8,812	154,200
Roman Catholic,	15		8,945	267,500
Shakers,	2		300	1,800
New Jerusalem,	1		275	2,000
Spiritualist,	1			

In this Table I set down the number of our own churches at 180, as a more just comparison with others, in which a similar discount is made for churches which have no *visibility*; which a census-taker could not find. The third and fourth columns are taken substantially from the Census, with one correction. The Census gives the Baptists nearly twenty more churches than their own Minutes enumerate, while a similar but larger deficiency appears in the Free Will Baptist figures. A careful analysis shows that one sixth, at least, of the Baptist churches, as given in the Census, should be credited to the Free Will Baptist, and I make the same change in the figures of sittings and property. Of the Second Advents I give the number of the Census, as I have no means for an independent estimate, or verifying that of one of their oldest ministers, who says they "have at least fifty churches."

Our churches report 837 additions; 535 by profession to 85 churches, and 302 by letter to 84 churches. Eighty-three churches report no additions. The church receiving the largest number is Milford, 87; Candia welcomes 39; Concord, South,

38; Manchester, Franklin St. 37; Wilton, 32; Claremont, 26; Milton Mills, 23; Manchester, First, 21; Francestown and Fisherville, 20 each. The three churches in Nashua, and Nelson, Atkinson, and Littleton, follow in order of numbers received.

The removals, 818; by death, 420; dismission, 302: excommunication, 25. This implies a net gain of 19, but in fact, and including Chatham and Shelburne, we report *one* less than last year, or a discrepancy of 70 in the reports. This is a nearer approach to consistency than we have sometimes had. The baptisms were, adult, 332; infant, 158.

The charitable contributions amount to $40,705, which is $14,141 less than last year. This very large difference is to be explained, in part, by the fact that Chicago relief collections were, in many cases, with doubtful propriety, included in the reports of last year. The increase of $10,000 last year, without any corresponding gain, in what our benevolent societies received, would indicate that they went in some such unusual channel. The falling off is largest in Hillsborough Conference, being $7,608, or 33 per cent. Making the allowance suggested for the Chicago element in last year's figures, there still remains a decrease of $4,000 this year, to be considered, and it is sufficiently serious to demand our prayerful self-questioning whether we are not withholding the tithes which God expects of us, and do not bring leanness upon ourselves in consequence. The largest sum reported from one church is $3,120, from Franklin Street, Manchester. The church in Franklin is next, with $2,415, and Amherst follows with $2,224. Five churches give between one and two thousand; Manchester First, Concord South, Keene 2nd, Concord 1st, and Nashua 1st. And eleven churches give between nine and five hundred, in this order: Portsmouth, Milford, Keene 1st, Newport, Hanover, Tilton, Bedford, Hollis, Dover, Pearl street, Nashua, and Henniker. But many of the smaller churches give as much in proportion as the larger, and much more liberally, when their ability is considered. Average the contributions among the resident members and a very different order appears. The three highest still head the list, though Manchester becomes third

and Franklin first, with an average of more than $20 per member. Then come Stratham, Pelham, Gilsum, Tilton, Keene 2nd and Concord 1st. One-fourth of all the churches, embracing one-half of the members, give three-fourths of the reported contributions.

The results of the year are not all we could wish, but they should stimulate and not dishearten us. We have nearly held our own, at least in outward relations, when there should have been advance all along the line. It is too probable that our spiritual forces have been somewhat depleted. Few of the churches report special measures of refreshing, and in many the opposite condition, with too much "folding of the hands to sleep," has obtained.

The growing instability of the pastoral relation, and the number of churches and ministers who seem quite content with a looser bond, is one of the signs of the times, to be deprecated. The causes do not all lie on one side, but, whatever they are, we should seek in all proper ways to remove them, if the ministry is not to lose much of its power, and many of the richest fruits which it has garnered in the past. The inadequacy of the support which many of our ministers receive will demand consideration in the same connection, for these two evils stand in close relation, as cause and effect. The Presbyterian church is giving practical and earnest heed to this matter, and our Vermont friends are putting their hands to the work of improvement, by sustentation measures, the working of which we may profitably study.

Still another direction to which the same subject must guide our enquiries, lies in the feasibility or possibility of learning wisdom from our Methodist neighbors, in their circuit system, and setting our pastors over more than one church, wherever circumstances make it wise and practicable. Such arrangement has apparently saved the life of a few of our churches, and it needs not much familiarity with the churches to-day to recall a large number which must find their prosperity, if not their continued life, in such a combination. Greater economy of pastoral service, as well as of missionary funds for the Lord's work in the wider fields; the more satisfying and self-respectful

independence of the churches, so working together, and sustaining whatever service they need, instead of calling upon the Missionary Society for help; the really better quality of the pastoral service they might in this way secure; and the extent to which this plan is actually and successfully working in many places, all indicate the demands of this subject, to be earnestly and prayerfully considered.

With all discouragements and oppositions, our Master gives us much to cheer us in our work, and to assure us how blessed is the privilege of laboring with Him, in the homes and the field where His good providence has placed us. Let us renew our consecration to Him here, and go forth with renewed humility and courage to the labors of another year.

HENRY A. HAZEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was held at the office of Dr. Bouton, in the State House, June 6, 1873. The Treasurer made his reports, which were adopted. The following persons were chosen as officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., *President.*
Rev. William R. Jewett, *Secretary.*
Shadrach Seavy, Esq., *Treasurer.*
Asa McFarland, Esq., } *Auditors.*
L. D. Stevens, Esq., }
Rev. N Bouton, D. D., }
Rev. William R. Jewett, } *Prudential Committee.*
Shadrach Seavy, Esq., }

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee, held immediately after the annual meeting of the Trustees, appropriations were made to three aged clergymen, and eight widows in indigent circumstances.

The following donations have been received from June 1st, 1872, to June 1st, 1873:

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Congregational Church, Gilsum,	$4.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. Wood, Gilsum,	2.00
Congregational Church, Newport,	32.50
" " Goshen,	5.00
Ladies of Exeter,	25.00
Members of Piscataqua Association,	4.00
Congregational Church and Society, Harrisville,	2.50
	$75.00

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Legacy from John Smith,	$150.00
Congregational Church, Gilmanton,	9.12
" " and Society, Henniker,	20.00
" " " " West Lebanon,	26.24
" " " " Raymond,	8.00
Rev. G. I. Bard,	1.00
Contribution at General Association,	154.57
Rev. Wm. Clark,	1.00
Congregational Church, Webster,	10.92
Mrs. Theodore French,	10.00
Congregational Church and Society, Loudon,	6.00
" " " " Winchester,	10.50
Mrs. N. J. Carter,	10.00
1st Congregational Church and Society, Concord,	45.00
South " " " " "	41.37
Congregational " " " Hillsboro' Bridge,	6.52
Congregational Church and Society, Plymouth,	15.80
" " " " Hopkinton,	6.00
" " " " Stratham,	8.20
1st Congregational Church and Society, Dover,	63.18
Congregational " " " Hollis,	19.50
" " " " Boscawen,	14.00
1st Congregational Church and Society, Nashua,	52.00
Miss Sarah Green,	5.00
Congregational Church and Society, Dartmouth College,	65.75
Franklin St. Church, Manchester,	100.00
Congregational Church, Sanbornton,	20.00
	$879.67

MEMORIAL MEMBERS.

Concord—Mrs. Asa McFarland,	$10.00
" Mrs. B. P. Stone,	10.00
" Mrs. N. Bouton,	10.00
Fisherville—Rev. W. R. Jewett,	10.00
" Mrs. Hannah A. C. Jewett,	10.00
Fall River, Mass.—A Friend,	10.00
Hanover—Mrs. H. E. Parker,	10.00
" Mrs. S. P. Leeds,	10.00
" Anna P. Emerson,	10.00
Westmoreland—Mrs. Mary E. W. Cole,	10.00
Zanesville, Ohio—A daughter of New-Hampshire,	10.00
Centre Harbor—Mrs. Susan S. Moulton,	10.00
Westmoreland—Mrs. Betsey Shaw,	10.00

Greenland—A Widow's Offering,	20.00
Haverhill, Mass.—Mrs. Moses Kimball,	10.00
Concord—Mrs. Calvin Howe,	10.00
" Rev. S. L. Blake,	10.00
" Mrs. Isabel M. Blake,	10.00
" Clara D. Berry,	10.00
" Juliana P. Lang,	10.00
" Mrs. Hazen Pickering,	10.00
Boscawen—Mrs. John Greenough,	10.00
Pembroke—Rev. Lyman White,	10.00
	$240.00

The members of the Association will notice that we derive some income from Memorial Members. This is a new feature in our work. It is well known that such a Memorial Fund is connected with our Cent Institution, which has met with great and unexpected success. It already counts its members by hundreds, and has secured a considerably large, permanent Fund, the income of which is devoted to Home Missions in our State. The success of the measure led some benevolent ladies, with whom the idea of that Fund originated to suggest that such a Fund be connected with our Association. One of them inserted last winter a communication on the matter in the *Congregationalist*. The responses have been very pleasant. Already we have received the names of twenty-five members. An aged widowed lady, the wife of a clergyman, who long labored in this State, now residing in Mass., writes thus: "Being confined to my chamber, by sickness, I incidentally saw your communication in the *Congregationalist* for a Memorial Fund for Ministers' widows in New-Hampshire. My heart responded to the call, and I shall consider it a privilege to send you my Widow's mite for that object. I have felt strongly attached to the Ministers and families I used to meet, but most of them are now gone, although the rememberance is precious."

A young lady, a daughter of a New-Hampshire clergyman, now teaching in a Western State, thus writes: "Enclosed, I send a Post Office order for twenty dollars; ten of which is to constitute myself a Memorial member of the Cent Society. I

have just seen a *Congregationalist* containing an appeal from yourself in behalf of the Ministers' and Widows' Fund. I am interested in that also, knowing as I do, not a little, of the needs of the Ministers of small parishes, and the other ten dollars I wish to devote to that Fund."

We hope that we shall receive many such responses during the year to come.

It gives the Trustees much pleasure to report that the Fund has received from the widows' God and the Father of the fatherless, unusual favor the past year. The donations, which have been received, have been larger than in any previous year. Both churches and individuals are turning their attention to this precious charity, and bestowing upon it their benefactions. Our institution was founded from the noblest motives, and embraces the most important objects. The Trustees have peculiar opportunities to learn the unfortunate situation of ministers in indigent circumstances, and the widows of such. These persons are not obtrusive for they shrink from public notice, and suffer in secret, rather than disclose their wants. We regret that our means have been so limited, that we have done comparitively little to relieve them; but God is raising up friends who are increasing our funds and enabling us more effectually to answer the purposes of our Institution.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Fund.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

FISHERVILLE, August, 1872.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Tobey, Vice-President, took the chair. Rev. Mr. Willey, formerly missionary to the Cherokee Indians, offered prayer. On motion, a Committee of two was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary then read the annual Report of the Directors. President Smith, of Dartmouth College, made an address. The Report was accepted: also, the Report of the Committee, and its nominations were apopted, as follows:

Rev. HENRY E. PARKER, *President.*
Rev. A. TOBEY, *Vice-President.*
Rev. S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

Directors.

Rev. N. BOUTON.	Prof. E. D. SANBORN.
Rev. A. D. SMITH.	Rev. H. A. HAZEN.
Rev. W. T. SAVAGE.	Rev. L. A. AUSTIN.

On motion, adjourned.

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

The following general statement is furnished by the Secretary:—

During the past year, eighteen students in Dartmouth College have been aided by the American Education Society. This is a larger number than are assisted by it in any other College, with a single exception; and is about one-seventh of the number similarly helped in twenty-seven similar Institutions.

The contributions made to the Society's Treasury, in this State, were not quite three hundred and twenty-three dollars, or much less than was given the year before; and scarcely one-fifth of the amount paid out in the State, by the Society. It is believed, however, that this sum does not indicate all that was done for the general cause by the Congregationalists of New-Hampshire.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with H. A. HAZEN, *Treasurer.*

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To Cash received of former Treasurer, balance reported last year.	$88.17	
From Grafton Conference, for 1871–2,	34.00	
From Coos Conference, for 1871–2,	8.00	
		$130.17
Borrowed of New-Hampshire Missionary Society,		180.00
From Hillsborough Conference,		112.00
From Cheshire Conference,		50.00
From Grafton Conference,		47.00
From Rockingham Conference,		71.00
From Merrimack Conference,		61.00
From Strafford Conference,		49.00
From Sullivan Conference,		24.00
		$724.17

	Dr.
Paid postage, H. S. Huntington,	$3.17
Postage, F. D. Ayer,	3.40
R. W. Musgrove, printing Minutes,	236.00
" " " Wrapping, postage &c., for distributing,	29.10
for stationery, express and postage,	6.00
for printing Narrative, express and postage,	6.00
Note due the Missionary Society,	180.00
Balance now in Treasury,	260.50
	$724.17

This may certify that I have examined the above account and believe the same to be correct.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

The Statistical Year Ends May 31.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1. 1873.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center. (1st),	1777				10	25	35	12	1	7	8	0	3	0	3	1	0	60	$60.00
" New (2d),	Nov. 20,1788				33	55	88	13	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	96	50.00
" (3d),	1842	George F. Chapin,	Apr. 1866	A. P. 1873	6	16	22	5	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	102	† 00.00
Chesterfield,	1771				4	12	16	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00.00
Dublin, Trin. Cong.	Nov. 21,1827	A. Holbrook,	May 9, 1866	A. P, 1871	5	9	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	12.65
Fitzwilliam,	Mar. 27,1771	John Colby,	1856	A. P. 1873	36	94	130	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	180	102.78
Gilsum,	Oct. 27, 1772	Horace Wood,	1839	A. P. 1866	10	28	38	7	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	3	100	221.00
Harrisville,	Sept.22,1840	A. Holbrook,	May 9, 1866	A. P. 1871	13	36	49	17	3	8	11	1	3	1	5	3	0	135	76.00
Hinsdale,	Reorg. 1821	C. C. Watson,	July 11,1867	Dec. 13,1871	35	89	124	20	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	5	225	346.00
Jaffrey,	May 13,1780	Rufus Case,	May 4, 1842	Jan. 1867	35	65	100	26	6	2	8	4	1	0	5	1	1	112	75.00
" East,	Jan. 9, 1850	D. N. Goodrich,	June 9, 1865	A. P. 1872	13	32	45	5	0	2	2	1	6	0	7	0	0	90	78.65
Keene (1st),	Oct. 18, 1738	Cyrus Richardson,	Sept.30,1869	July 10.1873	64	198	262	37	1	3	4	5	5	0	10	0	0	245	750.00
" (2d),	Oct. 15, 1867	Joseph A. Leach,	Feb. 1864	Sept. 1869	95	181	276	26	5	4	9	9	5	0	14	2	5	352	1427.00
Marlborough,	Nov. 11,1778	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 1860	May 2, 1871	50	109	159	24	2	9	11	5	3	0	8	0	1	190	235.43
Nelson,	Jun. 31, 1781	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8. 1851	A. P. 1872	35	55	90	28	16	0	16	4	3	0	7	8	0	90	34.00
Ridge,	Nov. 1765	Frank G. Clark,	Sept. 2, 1869	June 3, 1873	53	109	162	15	8	0	8	3	8	0	11	4	0	180	200.00
Roxbury,	Aug. 17,1816	L. F. Rand,	Licentiate.	A. P. 1873	5	10	15	8	0	0	0	1	0		1	0	0	35	00.00
Stoddard,	Sept. 4. 1787				6	28	34	13	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	72	00.00
Sullivan,	Oct. 17, 1742	Samuel L. Drake.		A. P. 1873	28	44	72	13	2	0	2	1	4	0	5	0	1	100	28.40
Surry,	1832				1	8	9	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	00.00
Swanzey,	Nov. 4, 1741				25	41	66	5	3	2	5	7	1	0	8	3	1	10	90.12
Troy,	Sept. 17,1815	Levi Brigham,	Mar. 15.1837	May 6. 1870	25	39	64	9	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	2	1	113	155.66
Walpole.	1761	W. E. Dickinson,	Dec. 1. 1860	June 2. 1870	21	68	89	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	292	229.52
Westmoreland,	Nov. 7, 1764				18	51	69	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	58	00.00
" Evang.,	Feb. 9. 1853				3	18	21	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	41.10
Winchester,	Nov. 21,1736	Elijah Harmon,	Oct. 17. 1867	Oct. 17, 1867	56	119	175	33	1	4	5	2	4	0	6	1	2	139	274.66
					685	1539	2224	395	55	42	97	62	61	1	124	25	23	3195	$4.486.59

Churches, 26; Pastors, 9; Acting Pastors, 8; Vacant, 8.

Ministers Without Charge. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1831; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1831; Thomas E. Roberts, Keene, ordained March 28, 1861; Chas. Willey, Swanzey, ordained Sept. 1845.

J. L. MERRILL, *Statistical Secretary.*

2. COOS [AND ESSEX, VT.] CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's. June 1. 1873.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.			Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.			
Bethlehem.	1802				5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		$0.00
Chatham,					19	28	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0.00
Colebrook.	Nov. 30. 1802	L. W. Harris.	1842	A. P. 1873	28	49	77	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	10.00
Dalton,	Apr. 28. 1816				7	24	31	12	(	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	2.00
Franconia.	1814				4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0.00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury.	Jan. 31, 1838	A. P.	6	33	39	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	65	38.00
Lancaster.	Mar. 1784	H. V. Emmons.	Nov. 1 60	Sept. 27. 1865	35	105	140	23	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	2	2	0	175	171.00
Littleton,	Mar. 3. 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 29, 1860	Sept. 29, 1860	48	125	173	27	12	2	14	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	165	302.50
Shelburne.					1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
West Stewartstown.	1846				4	23	27	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	5.40
					137	368	556	90	16	2	18	6	1	0	7	9	5	740		$528.90

Churches, 10; Pastors, 2; Acting Pastors, 2; Vacant, 6.

These churches are connected with those of Essex County, Vt., in Conferences. Chatham, Gorham and Shelburne join with churches in Maine. Annual meeting is Second Tuesday in June, 1874. at West Stewartstown.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Secretary.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1872.				Admissions,			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Ed. Cleaveland,	Sept. 11, 1837	A. P. 1873	25	65	90	44	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	100	$7.00
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818				1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Silas Ketchum,	Sept. 17. 1867	A. P. 1866	50	73	123	23	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	2	0	175	256.56
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	31	60	91	17	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	140	282.15
Canaan,	1803				1	16	17	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1829				24	36	60	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	8.25
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828				4	9	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0.00
Enfield.	May, 1826	V. J. Hartshorne.	Jan. 18. 1865	A. P. 1866	9	32	41	6	4	0	4	0	3	0	3	4	0	60	20.00
Groton.	Nov. 9, 1803	D. F. Stewart,	Licentiate.	A. P. 1873	8	12	20	4	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	50	35.00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2, 1805	S. P. Leeds, D. D.,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	112	137	249	112	4	6	10	3	4	0	10	1	2	125	686.05
" Center,	May 16, 1810	D. B. McClenning,	1851	A. P. 1873	21	52	73	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	0.00
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	E. H. Greeley,	Nov. 7. 1849	Nov. 24. 1869	53	118	171	42	1	1	2	6	2	0	8	1	1	80	253.87
Hebron,	June 12, 1779	Unite with Meth.			2	11	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
Lebanon, West.	Sept. 29. 1768	Chas. A. Downs.	May, 1849	Nov. 22. 1849	61	133	194	10	5	0	5	3	2	0	5	4	0	160	100.00
"	Nov. 8, 1849	A. B. Rich, D. D.,	Feb. 8. 1846	May 17, 1871	52	103	155	18	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	277	306.14
Lyme,	May 22. 1771	E. P. Butler,	Licentiate.	A. P. 1873	106	172	278	81	0	0	0	9	2	0	11	0	0	180	407.71
Orfordville,	Aug. 17, 1770	N. F. Carter,	Dec. 17. 1867	A. P. 1869	44	63	107	21	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	120	123.13
Orford, West.	Apr. 30, 1822	F. B. Knowlton,	Aug. 29. 1865	A. P. 1871	27	59	86	28	0	3	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	104	183.10
Piermont.	1803	A. L. Marden.	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	39	65	104	42	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	1	80	60.00
Plymouth,	1764	George H. Scott.	Sept, 3, 1873	Sept. 3, 1873	33	116	149	27	5	3	8	3	1	0	4	3	1	150	200.00
Thornton,	Apr. 11. 1780				2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wentworth,	1830	D. S. Hibbard.	July, 1860	A. P. 1871	10	43	53	16	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	110	36.00
					715	1381	2096	552	28	22	50	43	28	0	72	21	9	2096	$2,966.96

Churches, 22; Pastors, 7; Acting Pastors, 9; Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Liba Conant, Orford, ordained May 29, 1823; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July 1834; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; Henry E. Parker, D. D. Hanover ordained May 13, 1849; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 23, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, Licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836; J. C. Proctor, Hanover, Licentiate; F. H. Bartlett, Licentiate, Bristol, July, 1872.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's. June 1, 1873.			Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 21. 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	45	128	173	23	0	1	1	9	13	3	25	0	3	192	$2243.90
Antrim, Presb.,	1788	W. R. Cochrane.	Mar. 18, 1869	Mar. 18, 1869	63	129	192	18	5	6	11	5	0	0	5	4	1	200	114.00
Bedford, "	1750	I. T. Tyson.	Oct. 7. 1862	May 6, 1869	58	129	187	42	0	3	3	5	1	0	6	0	0	300	616.12
Bennington.	July 10, 1839	James Holmes,	June 22. 1842	A. P. 1869	15	31	46	9	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	92	131.67
Brookline.	Dec. 10, 1795	F. D. Sargent.	Oct. 20 1869	Oct. 20. 1869	25	48	73	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	84.87
Derring,	Dec. 24. 1759	Morris Holman.	Jan. 15. 1845	A. P. 1863	8	29	37	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	65	43 85
Francestown,	Mar. 8, 1773				67	132	199	14	19	1	20	8	17	0	25	12	3	323	361.35
Greenfield,	May 28, 1867	S. H. Partridge.	May 10. 1853	A. P. 1869	44	87	131	22	4	2	6	3	1	0	4	4	1	136	53.00
Greenville,	May 3, 1847	G. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9. 1865	22	61	83	27	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	0	2	100	187.25
Goffstown,	Dec. 29, 1801	S. L. Gerould.	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	34	120	154	14	7	5	12	9	0	1	10	6	3	260	223.23
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1768	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12. 1828	May 15, 1850	42	86	128	24	3	4	7	6	1	0	7	1	1	225	208.20
Hillsborough Bridge,	Apr. 26. 1839	John Bragdon.	Apr. 9, 1873	A. P. 1873	24	59	83	13	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	120	41.02
" Center.	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams.	June. 1841	A. P. 1861	16	29	45	7	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	65	29.50
Hollis.	1743	James Laird,	Mar. 15, 1836	May 25. 1870	73	151	224	25	0	4	4	6	8	0	14	0	3	200	589.82
Hudson.	Sept. 9. 1841				12	24	36	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00	0.00
Litchfield, Presb.,	July 3, 1844	W. D. Hart,		A. P.	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	25.00
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5. 1757	George Smith.	Aug. 9. 1853	A. P. 1871	38	49	87	22	1	3	4	2	2	0	4	1	0	90	57.69
Manchester, First,	May 22, 1828	C. W. Wallace, D. D.	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	147	382	529	100	9	12	21	9	7	0	16	3	3	465	1685.22
" Franklin St.,	June 27. 1844	W. J. Tucker.	Jan. 24, 1867	Jan. 24. 1867	88	249	337	56	19	18	37	5	5	0	10	5	6	627	3120.00
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27. 1839	April 18. 1860	28	48	76	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	86.70
Merrimack, First.	Sept. 5, 1771	C. L. Hubbard.	Sept. 2, 1868	Sept. 2, 1868	50	106	156	33	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	1	0	161	310.20
" South,	Oct. 21, 1829	S. W. Herbert,		A. P.	1	10	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	15.00
Milford.	Nov. 19. 1788	Geo. Pierce, Jr.,		Oct. 1872	98	218	316	15	78	9	87	8	1	0	9	66	0	354	903.17
Mont Vernon.	1780	S. H. Keeler, D. D.	Oct. 1829	A. P. 1868	52	127	179	40	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	1	1	175	165.06
Nashua, First,	1685	Frederick Alvord.	July 21, 1858	July 16, 1869	84	269	353	25	12	3	15	4	4	0	8	7	3	350	1250.00
" Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834	J. S. Black.	Mar. 31, 1870	Mar. 31. 1870	83	203	286	79	11	4	15	6	2	0	8	9	4	300	405.00
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Chas. Wetherby.	June 1, 1859	Dec. 7, 1871	56	146	202	36	12	7	19	3	2	0	5	5	14	245	547.73
New Boston, Presb.,	1768				46	108	154	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	200	140.75
New Ipswich.	Oct. 21, 1760	T. S. Robie.	Oct. 25. 1859	A. P. 1872	50	107	157	30	0	0	0	4	2	2	8	0	1	120	227.31
Pelham.	Nov. 13. 1751	Augustus Berry.	Oct. 6. 1861	Oct. 6. 1861	23	49	72	10	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	155	468.41
Peterborough.	Apr. 21. 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	51	123	174	12	4	2	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	270	208.12
Temple.	Oct. 2, 1771	S. D. Clark,	June 11. 1840	A. P. 1872	40	80	120	30	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	150	67.87
Wilton.	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	53	122	175	15	19	13	32	3	0	0	3	13	0	218	122.70
					1538	3644	5182	853	212	106	318	113	87	9	209	138	52	6468	$14733.72

29 Congregational, 4 Presbyterian Churches; 19 Pastors; 11 Acting Pastors; 3 Vacant.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 13, 1819; William Clark, D. D., Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828, Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained July 4, 1830; W. H. Bessom, New Boston; Amos Abbott, Nashua; Daniel Perry, Hollis.

GEORGE F. MERRIAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's. June 1, 1873.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover.	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody.	Nov. 22, 1843	A. P. 1869	10	17	27	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	50	$47.29
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740				43	74	117	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	130	114.59
Bradford.	Nov. 24, 1803				8	12	20	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Canterbury.	1760	James Doldt.	Dec. 26, 1843	A. P. 1870	20	55	75	8	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1	1	80	25.00
Chichester,	1791				33	48	81	28	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	75	25.00
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	F. D. Ayer.	May 13, 1861	Sept. 10, 1867	70	182	261	19	2	5	7	5	2	0	7	2	0	246	1278.81
" West,	Apr. 23, 1833	H. B Putnam.	Oct. 28, 1868	Oct. 28, 1868	50	99	149	22	2	2	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	180	249.10
" South.	Feb. 1, 1837	S. L. Blake.	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	115	266	381	30	27	11	38	4	5	0	9	18	3	360	1491.66
" East.	Mar. 30, 1842	A. Burnham.	Sept. 30, 1857	A. P. 1872	24	58	82	26	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	90	102.64
Dunbarton.	June 18 1789	Wm. E. Spear.		Pastor Elect	31	66	97	21	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	160	192.40
Epsom,	1761				16	24	40	10											
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett.	Jan. 8, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	38	84	122	18	18	2	20	3	7	0	10	9	0	225	300.00
Franklin.	June 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	51	105	156	39	0	0	0	1	5	1	7	0	0	138	2415.42
Hemniker,	June 7, 1769				39	111	150	30	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	2	2	200	520.33
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815				6	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hooksett,	1828				12	33	45	15											
Hopkinton.	Nov. 23. 1757	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 24. 1829	A. P. 1867	47	114	161	40	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	120	255.35
Loudon,	Nov. 1789	B. N. Stone.	June 6, 1871	June 6, 1871	15	45	60	16	3	0	3	1	0	1	2	3	0	49	39.00
Pembroke,	Mar. 1, 1737	L. White.	Oct. 23, 1849	A. P. 1871	36	82	118	25	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	200	268 54
Pittsfield.	Nov. 17, 1789				40	77	117	39	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	125	150.34
Salisbury,	Nov. 17, 1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18. 1850	Jan. 1869	28	46	74	19	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	52	32.63
Tilton and Northfield,	1822	T. C. Pratt,	June 21. 1859	Oct. 29, 1872	39	116	155	50	2	3	5	1	4	0	5	2	1	145	628.15
Warner,	Feb. 1772	M. A. Gates.	Sept. 2. 1858	A. P. 1873	26	75	101	10	3	5	8	6	2	0	8	1	0	235	170.40
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton.	Apr. 10, 1838	Dec. 13, 1837	47	71	118	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	125	132.73
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracy,	Feb. 1830	A. P. 1868	10	31	50	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	51.29
					872	1902	2744	543	62	34	96	48	51	2	101	40	10	3051	$8.490.67

Churches, 25; Pastors. 9; Acting Pastors. 8; Vacant. 8.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained Mar. 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of N. H.; C. Curtice, Boscawen, ordained Oct. 2, 1843; W. Fisk, Fisherville, ordained May 22, 1833; Moses Gerould, Concord, ordained May 22, 1828; Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; Daniel Sawyer, Hopkington, ordained May 13, 1846; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827; Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826—Secretary of N. H. Bible Society.

H. B. PUTNAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's. June 1, 1873.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25,1772	Chas. F. Morse,	Aug.13,1856	Sept. 17,1872	30	63	93	22	7	7	14	2	1	0	3	5	0	107	$89.02
Auburn.	Jan. 1, 1843	Joshua S. Gay.	Jan. 29, 1848	A. P. 1871	20	38	58	9	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	19.36
Brentwood.	Jan. 7, 1756	Wm. C. Jackson.	Oct. 13. 1835	A. P. 1870	11	45	56	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	10.00
Candia.	1770	Geo. E. Lovejoy,	July 16. 1873	July. 16,1873	79	138	217	30	36	3	39	5	2	0	7	27	5	178	138.87
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	Chas. Tenney,	Feb. 7. 1844	Aug. 2. 1871	42	118	160	16	4	1	5	5	3	0	8	1	0	181	239.64
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	W. A. Patten,	1851	A. P. 1873	35	83	118	00	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	88.50
Derry, 1st,	1719				50	140	190	30	3	2	5	4	3	0	7	0	0	150	208.41
" 1st Cong.,	Aug. 3, 1737	R. W. Haskins,	Nov. 19,1872	Nov. 19,1872	22	86	108	22	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	150.20
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	A. P. 1857	15	41	56	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	104	165.59
Exeter.1st,	1638 Re.1698	Swift Byington,		1852 June, 2, 1871	36	98	134	44	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	1	75	265.00
" 2nd,	1813	Geo. E. Street,	Apr. 6, 1844	Mar. 30,1871	19	63	82	20	2	5	7	3	0	0	3	1	0	120	165.00
Greenland,	July. 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25,1852	Feb. 25,1852	8	45	53	9	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	60	228.21
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	E. W. Bullard.	Aug. 8. 1838	Dec.14, 1870	19	66	85	12	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	1	173	205.00
Hampton,	1638	F. D. Chandler,		A. P. 1873	64	132	196	25	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	2	0	105	188.77
Kensington.	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge.	Apr. 3, 1838	June,30,1864	10	36	46	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	10.00
Kingston,	Sept. 5, 1725	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	June, 5, 1872	9	35	44	9	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	157.76
Londonderry, Presb.,	1735				47	122	169	21	0	0	0	5	5	0	10	0	2	176	353.72
Newcastle.	1671				9	33	42	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	136	14.00
Newington,	Oct. 15, 1715	Franklin Davis.	Oct. 6, 1847	A. P. 1864	5	14	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20.00
Newmarket,	May 27,1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23. 1850	A. P. 1865	25	47	72	22	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	140	208.70
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1. 1861	Apr. 27, 1870	54	102	156	27	5	0	5	4	1	0	5	3	2	190	195.51
Northwood.	Nov. 29,1798	E. C. Cogswell.	Nov. 3. 1842	A. P. 1865	31	62	63	24	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	2	100	74.80
Nottingham,	May 12, 1840				2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Calvin Terry,	Dec. 1846	A. P. 1869	23	55	78	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	300.00
Portsmouth,	July 11,1671	Carlos Martyn,	June 25,1869	Nov. 12,1872	100	280	380	85	2	4	6	7	20	0	27	1	3	275	950.00
Raymond,	1791				57	85	142	10	3	0	3	4	2	8	14	2	0	105	91.00
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1736	J. K. Aldrich,	1863	A. P. 1873	11	41	52	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	120	0.00
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	Samuel Bowker,	Dec. 8, 1844	A. P. 1873	13	50	63	12	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	65	31.00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	July 12, 1837				13	21	34	6	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	100	0.00
South Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand.		Licentiate. A. P. 1867	10	17	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	0.00
South Newmarket,	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7, 1847	A. P. 1869	2	9	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	45.07
Stratham,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 24,1860	Nov. 25,1869	16	31	47	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	120	33 0.30
Windham, Presb.,	1742	Charles Packard,	May 6, 1846	Apr. 29,1873	42	95	137	33	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	207	191.11
					939	2293	3232	547	78	37	115	66	58	8	132	48	20	3822	$5143.54

Churches, 33; Pastors 14; Acting Pastors, 13; Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Israel T. Otis, Exeter, ordained June 1, 1835; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Ebenezer S. Jordan, Exeter, ordained Dec. 17, 1867.

EDWARD ROBIE, *Statistical Secretary.*

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1. 1873.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7. 1827	Andover Students		A. P.	5	21	26	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	$18.00
Barrington,	June 18,1755	Ezra Haskell,		A. P. 1869	13	29	42	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	150	13.00
Barnstead,	July 23. 1804				7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Barnstead Parade.	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr.	Feb. 13,1861	A. P. 1867	15	21	36	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	110	25.00
Centre Harbor.	May 9, 1837	Jotham Sewall.		A. P. 1873	20	36	56	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	No report.
Conway,	Aug. 18,1778	F. Norcross,		A. P. 1873	24	54	78	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	2	110	12.00
Dover, 1st	1638—9	Geo.B. Spaulding.	Oct. 8. 1861	Sept. 1, 1869	77	219	296	50	1	7	8	12	3	0	15	1	4	206	581.90
" Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	J. W. Savage,	Dec. 3, 1863	A. P. 1871	17	56	73	21	6	2	8	1	4	0	5	6	0	110	90.00
Durham.	Mar. 26.1718	H. L. Talbot,	1870	Jan. 1. 1873	20	55	75	14	0	3	3	3	5	0	8	0	0	80	20.00
Effingham,	May 17. 1836				3	16	19	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0.00
Farmington,	Sept. 15.1819	E. H. Titus,	Feb. 15,1866	Apr. 29,1873	20	38	58	5	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	5	0	160	130.00
Gilmanton Centre.	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake.	Mar. 3, 1841	Oct. 25, 1871	30	66	96	23	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	0	1	83	73.15
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Nath'l S. Moore.	Nov. 11.1868	A. P. 1870	22	65	87	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	10.00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30.1774				7	6	13	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Great Falls,	June 16,1827	S. W. Webb,	May, 1870	A. P. 1872	41	125	166	36	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	255	331.02
Laconia,	June 28,1824	Wm. F. Bacon,	1867	A. P. 1872	39	106	145	19	0	9	9	5	24	5	34	0	0	125	261.12
Lee,	Dec. 3, 1867	J. W. Lees,	Nov. 6, 1870	Nov. 6, 1870	6	37	43	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	161	1.00
Meredith,	Feb. 20.1815	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Jan. 2, 1873	13	37	50	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	129	30.00
Milton.	Sept. 8, 1815	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	A. P. 1870	28	52	80	0	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	5	0	110	75.00
Milton Mills,	Sept. 26.1871	D. B. Scott,	July 12, 1872	A. P. 1872	14	27	41	2	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	8	7	80	59.38
Moultonborough,	Mar. 12,1777				8	17	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ossipee Centre.	Sept. 26,1806	Edward C. Hood,		Student A.P	20	44	64	24	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	30	20.00
Rochester,	1737	Harvey M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	May 18, 1871	41	101	142	10	3	4	7	2	5	0	7	1	0	155	394.24
Rollinsford. S. Falls,	May 1. 1841				19	60	79	44	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	60	No report.
Sanbornton.	Nov. 13,1771	Moses T. Runnels.	Aug. 13.1856	June 11,1868	36	81	117	15	5	2	7	5	2	0	7	5	1	139	279.78
Sandwich,	1814	C. L. Tappan,	Jan. 28, 1864	A. P. 1871	7	21	28	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	No report.
" North.	June 17,1832				12	14	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Tamworth.	Sept. 12,1792				27	62	89	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	76	72.30
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839				1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wakefield.	Sept. 22,1785	Sumner Clark.	Jan. 1, 1845	A. P. 1872	6	24	30	7	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	35	80.98
Wolfeborough,	June 17,1834				30	55	85	20	4	2	6	2	3	0	5	4	5	125	79.70
" North,	June 18,1835	G. S. Bell,		A. P.	7	18	25	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	47	6 80
					635	1579	2214	428	55	39	94	58	69	5	132	37	27	2758	$2,665.37

Churches, 32; Pastors, 8; Acting Pastors, 14; Vacant, 10.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Almon Benson, Centre Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826; F. P. Smith, South Wolfeborough, ordained Sept. 12, 1839; Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Gilmanton Iron Works, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Giles Leach, Meredith Village, ordained Feb. 6, 1833.

MOSES T. RUNNELS, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches. Place and Name.	Organized.	Ministers. Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Mem's. June 1, 1873. Males	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Admissions. Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Bapt'ms. Ad.	Inf.	Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Acworth.	Mar. 12,1773				55	80	135	51	1	2	3	2	4	0	6	1	1	122	$194.82
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson	Apr.20. 1848	A. P. 1864	4	23	27	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	6	50	30.00
Claremont,	1770	Levi Rodgers.	Oct.19, 1871	Oct.19, 1871	67	179	246	58	18	8	26	5	3	0	8	8	1	253	473.54
Cornish.	Nov. 6, 1781				17	31	48	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	60	36.90
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778				6	8	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0.00
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802				7	16	23	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	19.25
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1320				7	14	21	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00	0.00
Lempster. 1st church,	Nov. 13,1781	J. LeBos puet,	Sept.21,1836	A. P. 1871	24	31	55	17	3	0	3	1	7	0	8	2	·	50	65.46
" 2nd "	Feb. 1, 1837				3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0 00
Meriden,	May 2. 1780	Chas. M. Palmer.	Dec. 8, 1868	Mar.27, 1873	50	68	118	50	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	1	0	150	105.25
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,	Sept.17,1868	Sept.17,1868	92	153	245	21	3	5	8	8	1	0	9	1	1	265	720.00
Plainfield,	Sept.20.1804				5	24	29	8	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	00	0.00
Washington.	May 20. 1780	H. H. Colburn,	May 19,1869	A. P. 1871	3	16	19	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	44.00
					340	652	992	227	29	20	49	25	18	0	43	14	12	1035	$1,689.22

Churches, 13; Pastors, 3; Acting Pastors, 3; Vacant, 7.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; E. W. Clark, Westborough, Mass., ordained Jan. 1, 1850; N. R. Nichols, Acworth, ordained Feb. 1, 1872. Licentiate, Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., licensed May 8, 1850. The church in Goshen has been supplied by John Bragdon, missionary. The church in Cornish has been supplied part of the year by Rev. Charles M. Palmer. The churches in Croydon, Langdon, Lempster 2nd and Plainfield have not been supplied.

G. R. W. SCOTT, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches. Total.	Vac.	Ministers. Pastors.	A. P.	W. C.	Total.	Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1873. Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Admissions. Prf.	Let.	Tot	Removals. Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Bapt'ms. Ad.	Inf.	Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
1. Cheshire,	26	8	9	8	5	22	685	1539	2224	395	55	42	97	62	61	1	124	25	23	3195	$4486.59
2. Coos,	10	6	2		0	4	157	399	556	90	16	2	18	6	1	0	7	9	5	740	528.90
3. Grafton,	22	6	7		12	28	715	1381	2096	552	28	22	50	42	28	0	70	21	9	2096	2966.96
4. Hillsborough,	33	3	19	11	9	39	1538	3644	5182	853	212	106	318	113	87	9	209	138	52	6468	14733.72
5. Merrimack,	25	8	9	8	12	30	872	1902	2774	541	62	34	96	48	51	2	101	40	10	3051	8490.67
6. Rockingham,	33	6	14	13	6	33	939	2293	3232	547	78	37	115	66	58	8	132	48	20	3822	5143.54
7. Strafford,	32	10	8	14	7	30	635	1579	2214	428	59	35	94	58	69	5	132	37	27	2758	2665.37
8. Sullivan,	13	7	3	3	7	13	340	652	992	227	29	20	49	25	18	0	43	14	12	1035	1689.22
Total.	194	54	71	68	58	197	5881	13389	19270	3543	535	302	837	420	373	25	818	332	158	23165	$40704.97
Total of Pres. Ch's,	6	2	3	1	0	4	258	588	846	176	5	9	14	17	11	0	28	4	5	1133	$1440.70
Total of Cong. Ch's.	188	52	68	67	58	193	5623	12801	18424	3367	530	293	823	403	362	25	790	328	153	30519	$39264.27

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1872. Nov. 19, Robert W. Haskins, 1st Cong'l. Ch., Derry.
1873. Jan. 1, Henry L. Talbot, Durham.
April 29, Eugene H. Titus, Farmington.
July 16, George E. Lovejoy, Candia.
Sept. 3, George H. Scott, Plymouth.

INSTALLED.

1872. Oct. 29, George E. Pierce, Milford.
Oct. 29, Theodore C. Pratt, Tilton.
Nov. 12, Wm. Carlos Martyn, Portsmouth.
1873. Jan. 2, George I. Bard, Meredith.
March 27, Charles M. Palmer, Meriden.
April 29, Charles Packard, Windham.
June 3, Frank G. Clark, Rindge.
July 10, Cyrus Richardson, Keene.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

April 9, John E. Bragdon, Goshen.
June 3, E. Winthrop Tenney, } at Hopkinton, to the work
June 3, George H. Tilton, } of Foreign Missions.

DISMISSED.

1872. (?) George I. Bard, Dunbarton.
Nov. 12, George M. Adams, Portsmouth.
Nov. 30, Henry A. Hazen, Pittsfield.
Dec. 27, William S. Karr, Keene, 1st church.
1873. Jan. (?) William House, Londonderry.
March 27, E. E. P. Abbott, Meriden.
March 31, John F. Norton, Fitzwilliam.
(?) Wm. H. Bessom, New Boston.
April 22, Samuel Bowker, Raymond.
May 1, Cyrus Richardson, Plymouth.
May 14, Thomas A. Emerson, Wolfeborough.
(?) E. P. Eastman, Conway.
August 18, Stephen S. Morrill, Henniker.
Sept. 10, David Bremner, Derry, 1st church.
Sept. 24, N. R. Nichols, Acworth.

DECEASED.

March 1, Zedekiah Smith Barstow, Keene.

REMARKS.

The Summaries which have been given under this head, will be found incorporated in the Narrative this year. The table of Associations is omitted, but their membership is given in the Alphabetical List.

Much care has been taken to have the "List of Ministers" accurate, for the date of October 1st. Some late changes in it may possibly not be found in all the previous comparisons, or partial summaries. The names of ministers without charge are not as carefully reported by the County Secretaries, in some cases, as they should be; and I would ask that this item receive more attention in the future. Any change needful, in the "List of Ministers," whether additions or removals, should be indicated in his own county by each Secretary. The column giving the organization of the churches, is not filled out with care. In too many cases, the year only is given, without the month and day. If these were once fully reported, the question might afterwards be omitted from the blanks, and the column be reproduced, if desirable, from year to year. Will every clerk see that the full date is given next year, whenever it can be discovered? In a few cases it is hopelessly lost; and in some, perhaps, a double date should be given, indicating an important reorganization, and still preserving an older, which is too important to be left in obscurity.

Our system of reporting still lacks somewhat of completeness. The General Association now charges one Secretary with the full responsibility, and he has a right to ask that each County shall do the same, and not embarrass him and increase his labors, by the necessity of corresponding with more than one in each county. In some of the counties, different persons are still charged with the Statistics, and the Narrative Report. In the two largest Conferences, the result this year was that the latter did not reach me until the Narrative had gone to the printer; and one of them has not yet been heard from. It is very desirable that pastors and others receiving copies of the Minutes, should give them, by loaning, as wide a circulation as may be.

H. A. Hazen, *Statistical Secretary.*

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

ABREVIATIONS.

P.—Pastor.
A. P.—Acting Pastor.
W. C.—Without Charge.
L.—Licentiate.
Pr.—Professor.
C.—Cheshire.
Co.—Coos.
G.—Grafton.
H.—Hillsborough.
M.—Merrimack.
R.—Rockingham.
St.—Strafford.
Su.—Sullivan.
B.—Belknap.
D. & M.—Derry & Manchester.
Hy.—Harmony.
Hs.—Hollis.
Hn.—Hopkinton.
L.—Lancaster.
M.—Monadnock.
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SEVENTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW-HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT LACONIA,

SEPTEMBER 29, 1873.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one-third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one-third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one-third of whom to be vacated each year and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the Secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the Executive Committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its Treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the Constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

As revised by the Trustees, August 53, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source? If so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the

*The answer to this question should include bank, railroad, United States, and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches in New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the Treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of its ratable property, that is $12.50 on $1,000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1 1-2 per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the Executive Committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent. to one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required: namely,

1. What the number of ratable polls; also, families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation.
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members—male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1—by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms—infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year—by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contribution to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New-York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Applications may be made to the Treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of *The Home Missionary* for New-Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the Treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Seventy-second annnal meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held at Laconia, September 18, 1873. The President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Young, D. D.

The Treasurer, Hon. L. D. Stevens, read his annual report, which, having been audited, was adopted.

Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, D. D., when Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord, moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees. Addresses were also made by Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Silas Ketchum, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Geo. B. Spaulding and others.

Rev. Mr. Ketchum submitted resolutions adopted by the Grafton County Conference, respecting the employment of Lay Preachers. Rev. S. L. Blake, also submitted resolutions. Both were laid on the table; as was the report of the Nominating Committee, for action at an adjourned meeting, which it was voted to hold in Concord, at the vestry of the South Church, Thursday, Oct. 23, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

BUSINESS MEETING.

At the adjourned meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society in the vestry of the South Congregational church, Concord, Oct. 24, 1873, the following resolutions were passed:

In view of the spiritual destitution which increases so rapidly in many parts of this State, and in view the work which yearly augments upon the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and in view of the increased funds which are necessary to prosecute the missionary work with the increasing vigor which the growing destitution demands; therefore,

Resolved, (1.) That the trustees be encouraged to use still greater effort to bring the increasing wants of this Society to

the notice of every church, Congregational or Presbyterian, in New-Hampshire, and to impress upon them the vital importance not only of contributing to the funds of the Society, but of increasing their contributions.

Resolved, (2.) That we recommend that all money contributed for the cause of Home Missions be paid into the Treasury of the State society for its special use, that the wants of our own destitutions be met first, and that surplus money be paid to the American Home Missionary Society.

Resolved, (3.) That the salary of every missionary stationed as pastor of a church or laboring statedly with it which complies with the rules of the society, relative to giving aid, be at least equal to $800, and that the trustees be instructed to appropriate such a sum of money as, in their judgment, is absolutely necessary to secure such a salary in each case. Nothing in this resolution proposes to diminish the salary of those having more than $800, when in the opinion of the trustees that larger salary should be continued. This resolution takes effect from January 1, 1874.

Resolved, (4.) That the policy of this society be to secure a permanent pastoral relation, and that all stated supplies be encouraged and urged to enter the pastoral office at once.

Resolved, (5.) That two contiguous churches be placed under the charge of one man in all practicable cases, and that all aid be withheld from any church which refuses to enter into such an arrangement.

Resolved, (6.) That nothing in these resolutions be construed as advising the diminution of the society's itineracy work, and that the compensation paid those laboring only part of the year be as heretofore.

These were all passed unanimously.

Rev. S. L. Blake gave notice of amendments to the constitution, viz: to amend article Third, by inserting after the word "society" and before the word "a president", the clause "resident in the State," and before the word "Vice-President" the word "three," also to amend article Nine, by inserting "after his annual subscription," the clause, "or who shall have removed from the State."

Resolution presented by Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill:

Resolved, That it shall hereafter be the settled policy of this society to encourage and aid all its beneficiary churches to sustain public worship on the Sabbath without any intermission, and to employ to this end the best available agency, whether clerical or lay.

On motion of Rev. H. A. Hazen, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

That a committee of three be appointed, by the Chair, to report at the next annual meeting upon the subject of the relations of this Missionary Society and the General Association, and whether any modification of them can be made to bring the society into more direct and effective relations with the churches.

J. G. Davis, D. D., of Amherst, Hon. J. E. Sargent, of Concord, and Rev. Levi Rodgers, of Claremont, were appointed.

The following officers, nominated by a committee appointed for the purpose, were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*

Hon. J. E. Sargent, Concord, *Vice-President.*

Rev. E. H. Greeley, Haverhill, *Secretary.**

Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, *Treasurer.*

Hon. John Kimball, and Wm. W. Storrs, Esq., Concord, *Auditors.*

Trustees elected in 1873.

Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Manchester,

Rev. Geo. B. Spaulding, Dover,

Hon. John W. Noyes, Chester.

Trustees elected in 1872.

Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville,

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville,

Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Pittsfield.

Trustees elected in 1871.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord,

Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton,

Dea. Almon Harris, Fisherville.

*Rev. Mr. Clark, D. D., was requested to continue his duties as Secretary until the decision of Mr. Greeley whether to accept the appointment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held at Concord, Oct. 23, 1873, the following members of the Board of Trustees were appointed Executive Committee for the year ensuing: namely,

Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord,
Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord,
Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville,
Rev. GEO. B. SPAULDING, Dover,
Rev. E. H. GREELEY, Haverhill.

The committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, in view of the retirement of Dr. Clark, from the Secretaryship, reported as follows:

Whereas, Rev. William Clark, D. D., now retires from the position of Secretary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, which he has filled so long, with such rare devotion and ability;

Resolved, (1.) That we tender him our best esteem and most heart-felt thanks for all the labor he has personally performed, and that we assure him of our appreciation of his services, in rendering which he has not spared himself, and has left his own impress on all the missionary churches of the State.

Resolved, (2.) That he has still our undiminished confidence as a man of Christian integrity and of rare ability.

Resolved, (3.) That he has put the churches of this State under a lasting debt of gratitude to him.

Resolved, (4.) That while we part with him as Secretary with regret, we accept with thankfulness, his assurance of unabated interest in the Society, and his pledge of continued active co-operation in promoting its future plans and usefulness.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the seventy-second annual Report, the Trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society congratulate its members and patrons on another year of usual prosperity. No death has occurred among its officers or missionaries. The trustees have held the meetings required by the Constitution, annual and semi-annual, and the Executive Committee have met whenever the interests of the Society needed their attention and action. More missionaries have been commissioned and more fields occupied than during the preceding year. The latter have labored faithfully through the terms of their commissions, statedly preaching the word on the Sabbath; administering the sacraments; maintaining regular prayer-meetings; sustaining Sabbath Schools; promoting the circulation of religious publications, and, generally, contributions to charitable, christian enterprises, and doing all the appropriate work of the Christian missionary. Though they report but few marked revivals, their statements in regard to attendance on public worship, the prayer-meeting, the Sabbath School, and to the interest of the attendants in the word of God, their relations to Him and the future world, are encouraging. The good our missionaries are doing to the social, educational, moral, religious welfare of the communities they serve, cannot be estimated. Silently, faithfully, uncomplainingly, yet, often amid severe trials and seld-denials, performing their duties in obscurity, unobserved by the busy, pleasure-seeking world, from love to Christ and to souls, they have strong claims on our sympathies, our high regard, our benefactions, our prayers.

SUMMARY.

Number of churches and missionary districts aided the past year, 43; missionaries employed, 47; of whom 22 were in the service the entire year; 25 from one to eight months; time of labor of the whole, 31¾ years; six years more than in the year previous. Amount of appropriations, $6,090.

Average attendance in 29 congregations reported, 2,645; average to each, 71½.

Hopeful conversions in nine churches, 42.

In 27 churches reported, male members, 329; female, 830; total, 1,159; average to each, 43.

Additions to 11 churches, 63; by profession, 53; by letter, 10.

Removals from 14 churches, by death, 20; by dismissions, 23; total, 43; net gain, 20.

Baptisms in 12 churches, 45; of which infant, 16; adult, 29.

Scholars in 30 Sabbath Schools, 2,399; average in each, 79⅔.

Contributions in 22 churches, to Home Missions, $340.42; to all other christian objects, $860.17; total, $1,200.59.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's account,		$2,706.22
Receipts within the year,		$8,719.38
Of which for American Home Missionary Society,		1,068.11
Leaving for New-Hampshire Missionary Society,		$7,651.25
Of this sum were in legacies,	$1,592.62	
Income from permanent fund,	150.36	
Receipts from miscellaneous sources,	74.47	
		$1,817.45
Leaving from donations to New-Hampshire Missionary Society,		$5,833.80
Deduct donations from Cent Societies, including interest from Memorial Fund,		$2,433.57
There remain donations from churches and congregations to N. H. M. Society,		$3,400.23
Sent directy from churches and individuals to the American Home Missionary Society, not passing through our Treasury:		
In legacies,	$2,238.88	
In donations,	794.99	
		$3,033.87
Whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions in 1873, which is $136.92 less than in 1872.		$11,235.23
Resources of the N. H. M. Society for the year now reported,		$11,419.56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Whole amount of disbursements during the year	$7,649.77
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of	$3,769.81
	$11,419.56

NEW-HAMPSHIRE CENT INSTITUTION.

Receipts from Female Cent Societies during the year ending Aug. 15, were, including $345.48 interest on Memorial Fund, $2,433.37.

THE MEMORIAL FUND.

Present amount of this Fund, created by ten dollar membership,—of which there are 670—six thousand seven hundred dollars, ($6,700) is well and safely invested under the direction of the Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

EXPENDITURE OF MISSIONARY FUNDS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Some of the friends and patrons of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, express the opinion, that more of the funds raised in the State for Home Missions, should be expended in the State. In order to a wise judgment on this point, some facts should be considered:—

1. Several of our churches, that ask for no aid from our Missionary Society, pay their preachers smaller salaries than the average of the salaries our missionaries receive. Some of the former pay their pastors, or stated supplies, $350, $400, 500, or $600; some, with the use of parsonage; others, like sums without such use; while none of the latter—the mission churches—pay their ministers, including missionary aid, less than $450; some $500, $600, 700, $800, $900, and $1,000; some with, and some without, the use of parsonage. These salaries of pastors of unaided churches are too small; but how, with good face, can these churches be asked to contribute to make the salaries of our missionaries greater than those they give their own pastors? They, not unfrequently, object to making offerings to our Missionary Society on this ground. Here is seen a serious objection to raising the average of mission salaries above the average salaries of numerous ministers of churches that solicit no missionary aid. Such a course would be highly prejudicial to home missionary interest in our State.

2. We have churches too feeble to sustain a regular, constant ministry, without an unjustifiable outlay of missionary funds. Were such to have such ministry, nearly all its support would necessarily come from our missionary Treasury. But the communities in which such feeble churches are located, are too small to warrent such expenditure. The best that can be done for such churches, and the limited people around them, is, to secure them missionary service from three to four months in the year, by members of our Theological Seminaries.

3. Several of our churches, small in numbers and in means, unite with evangelical churches of other denominations in support of the institutions of the gospel in their common communities. This is right. Unwise, wrong every way, would it be to make a large outlay of sacred, missionary charities to sustain a Congregational minister in places where the few remaining members of a church of our order can have the means of grace in connexion with other branches of the church of Christ.

4. There is now little, if any, territory in our State unoccupied by other christian denominations, in which new Congregational churches could be organized, or are called for. Nearly all our towns and districts have chosen the form of doctrine and church order most agreeable to them, so far as they can be induced to choose any; and, where our faith and polity are not thus preferred, it would be very difficult to introduce them, were it desirable.

5. For the reasons above stated, would it be wise to adopt the principle, that *all* the offerings for Home Missions by the churches and the friends of the cause in New-Hampshire, should be expended in the State, when our little State is less than one four hundredth part of our National territory, the far greater part of which is, to-day, missionary ground, and where the institutions of the gospel of Christ can, at first, be established only in a home missionary way? Shall the Congregational churches of New-Hampshire look only to their denominational interests in New-Hampshire, when God, in his providence, is so loudly calling on his churches of every name to evangelize our whole vast, national domain? This would be unworthy of our history as a branch of the church of the Lord

Jesus Christ. Let us make much larger contributions to the great cause of Home Missions than we are now making; appropriate what is wise and prudent to this cause in our own little State, and make generous offerings, through the American Home Missionary Society, for the planting and support of churches of our faith and order from the Atlantic to the Pacific; from the northern Lakes to the great southern Gulf.

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TABULAR VIEW.

Churches and Missionary Stations.	Missionaries	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor Performed.	First year of aid.	Average Congregations.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Reported Conversions.	Baptisms.			Sab. Sch. Scholars.	Contributions.		
								Males.	Females.	Total.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.		Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Total.
1. Alstead, New,	Rev. C. Packard,	Jan. 1, 1873	12	150.00	3	1828															
2. Alton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Oct. 1, 1872	2	50.00	2	1812															
	Mr. C. Seymour,	March 7, 1873	1	16.00	1																
	Mr. J. W. Daniels,	July 19, 1873	2½	40.00	2																
3. Berlin,	Mr. A. J. Benedict,	May 25, 1873	4	36.00	4	1870	60											40			
4. Brentwood,	Rev. W. C. Jackson.	April 1, 1873	12	100.00	12	1872	50	11	45	56								40	$5.50	$5.00	$10.50
5. Brookline,	Rev. J. D. Sargent,	Sept. 1, 1872	12	100.00	12	1823	125	26	47	73								150	29.20	55.6	84.87
6. Centre Harbor,	Mr. J. F. Tobey,	July 1, 1872	12	200.00	2	1812															
	Mr. Jotham Sewall,	June 1, 1873	12	200.00	3½																
7. Charlestown,	Rev. H. H. Sanderson,	Oct. 13, 1872	12	200.00	12	1834	60	5	22	27		2	2					40	5.32	122.60	127.92
8. Chatham,	Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 22, 1872	12	200.00	12	1836	60	18	26	44	1		1	1	1		1	60	14.00	30.10	44.10
9. Conway,	Rev. E. P. Eastman,	March 1, 1872	12	150.00	12	1820															
10. Dalton,	Rev. J. T. Otis,	July 1, 1872	6	100.00	6	1811															
11. Deering,	Rev. M. Holman,	July 1, 1873	12	225.00	12	1830	60	8	30	38								60	26.25	17.60	43.85
12. Dover Belknap Ch.	Rev. J. W. Savage,	Nov. 1, 1872	12	200.00	12	1856	125	17	56	72	6	2	8	3		4	4	110	18.00	80.00	98.00
13. Enfield,	Rev. V. J. Hartshorn,	May 20, 1873	12	200.00	12	1816	75	7	34	41	6		6	6		5	5	67	10.00	10.00	20.00
14. Epsom,	Mr. J. H. Wales,	July 1, 1872	6	96.00	6	1828															
15. Goff's Falls,	Mr. S. S. Mathews.	July 1, 1873	12	100.00	2½	1873															
16. Gorham,	Rev. G. F. Tewsbury,	Sept. 1, 1872	12	225.00	12	1856	80	5	33	38	1		1		3		3	65	15.00	28.50	43.50
17. Groton,	Mr. D. F. Stewart,	May 13, 1873	4	72.00	4	1815	65	8	12	20								45	24.00	11.00	35.00
18. Goshen,	Rev. J. Bragdon,	May 1, 1872	12	250.00	12	1813	110	8	17	25								140			
19. Kensington,	Rev. E. D. Eldredge.	Jan. 1, 1873	12	200.00	12	1820	125	10	35	45								110	10.50	10.00	20.50
20. Kingston,	Rev. J. Chapman.	May 1, 1873	12	100.00	12	1837	100	9	35	44		2	2		1		1	125	18.00	148.20	166.20
21. Lee,	Rev. J. W. Lees,	Sept. 1, 1873	12	200.00	12	1872	150	6	38	44		1	1		1		1	163			
22. Lempster,	Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1873	12	200.00	12	1867	60	24	31	55	3		3			2	2	50	10.00	51.05	61.05
23. Madbury,	Rev. J. W. Lees,					1873															

24. Mason,	Rev. D. Goodwin,	May	1,	1872	12	150.00	12	1849	75	26	48	74								95	8.00	78.70	86.70
																				100			
25. Milan,	Mr. A. J. Benedict,	May	25,	1873	4	36.00	3½	1870	115														
26. Milton Mills,	Rev. D. B. Scott,	July	1,	1873	12	200.00	12	1872	110	14	29	41	23			17	7	8	15	96	11.00	45.38	56.38
27. Merrimack, South	Rev. J. Crumrine,	March	1,	1873	1	16.00	1	1831															
28. Munroe,	Rev. J. L. Litch,	June	1,	1873	12	108.00	3½	1873															
29. Nelson.	Rev. M. Gould,	Jan.	1,	1873	12	150.00	8	1873	85	35	55	90	16		16		1	8	9	90	15.25	23.90	39.15
30. New Market, So.,	Rev. J. Bartlett.	Dec.	1,	1871	12	200.00	12	1831	70	2	9	11					1		1	65	20.00	25.07	45.07
31. Newington,	Rev. F. Davis,	Nov.	1,	1872	12	150.00	12	1827	100	5	14	19								60	20.00	15.00	35.00
32. Ossipee Centre,	Mr. E. C. Hood.	May	6.	1872	4	72.00	4	1812															
33. Plainfield,	Mr. E. C. Busser,	May	1,	1872	6	96.00	6	1825	40	5	18	23								40	5.00	7.00	12.00
34. Roxbury,	Mr. G. L. Nims,	June	1,	1872	6	96.00	6	1826												40			
	Mr. L. F. Rand.	June	1,	1873	3	38.00	3		50	5	10	15								52	5.28	20.25	25.53
35. Salisbury,	Rev. J. B. Cook,	Jan.	1,	1873	12	100.00	8	1873	50	28	46	74											
36. Sandown,	Mr. C. W. Pressey,	Dec.	1,	1872	6	50.00	6	1821												60			
37. Sandwich,	Rev. C. L. Tappan,	Aug.	1,	1873	12	200.00	12	1814	80	7	21	28		2	2					100			
38. Seabrook, South.	Rev. W. A. Rand,	Aug.	1,	1873	12	150.00	12	1864	150	11	18	29								35	30.83	50.15	80.98
39. Wakefield,	Rev. S. Clark,	May	1,	1873	12	150.00	12	1812	60	6	24	30		2	2					130	8.06	14.00	22.06
40. Washington,	Rev. H. H. Colburn,	April	16,	1873	12	200.00	12	1831	65	3	16	19				9				66	30.79	11.50	51.29
41. Wilmot,	Rev. C. B. Tracy,	Jan.	1,	1873	12	150.00	12	1813	75	19	31	56		1	1		1		1	110	16.00	20.00	36.00
42. Wentworth,	Rev. D. S. Hibbard,	Jan.	1.	1873	12	200.00	12	1812	60	10	43	53											
43. Wolfeboro', North,	Mr. Geo. S. Bell,	May	1,	1873	4	72.00	4	1839	100	7	19	26	1		1			1	1	40			

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead, New.*—Rev. Charles Packard, after a faithful, successful ministry here of several years, much to the regret of his people, left in January to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Windham. The church, now destitute of a minister, but earnestly seeking one, maintains regular public worship on the Sabbath; keeps alive its Sabbath school and weekly prayer-meetings. Would that all our destitute, feeble churches, would do the same. Such course would secure the smiles of the Master.

2. *Alton.*—This church, as in years past, is still supplied by students from the Seminary, Andover. It cannot hope to have a pastor till it shall have obtained a parsonage, to secure which it is making strenuous efforts.

3. *Berlin.*—Last year, at this time, Mr. George Michael, of Yale Theological Seminary, was supplying this place, as, also, at Milan, an adjoining town. Now Mr. A. J. Benedict, from the same Institution, is laboring in those towns, for four months from May 25. No Congregational church exists there yet, but it is hoped one may be organized ere long. The services of both the above named gentlemen were, and are, very acceptable to the two communities in which they are performed in alternate weeks.

4. *Brentwood.*—Our Missionary labors here in faith and patience, under discouraging circumstances. "The state of religion in the church is very low; former differences, though now quiescent, have left a degree of coldness in some members. There are but three or four to take part in prayer-meetings. We all, ministers and people, greatly need a refreshing from on high."

5. *Brookline.*—The pastor writes: "I cannot report any special progress in spiritual matters although the interest is sufficient to give us good congregations on the Sabbath, and fair attendance at prayer-meetings. We hope for better things."

6. *Centre Harbor.*—Mr. J. F. Tobey, our missionary here in 1872, left, at the termination of his commission, and went West, under commission of the American Home Missionary Society. For some months no regular preaching here. Now Mr. Jotham Sewall, great-grandson of "Father Sewall," is on the ground, engaged to supply for a year. An important field this, and should be constantly occupied.

7. *Charlestown.*—No essential change here, from former years. Indeed, the church has gained little or no increased strength since its formation in 1835, when it consisted of 23 members; seven males and 16 females. Present number, 27; five males, 22 females; two absentees. Great faith in the missionary and the church is needed to sustain them in a community so hostile to evangelical truth.

8. *Chatham.*—Rev. E. B. Pike, having labored here many years, with energetic fidelity, securing the organization of a church and the erection of a church edifice free of debt, left, at the close of his commission, for ministerial work in Boothbay, Me. This church is very feeble; has claims on the sympathies and prayers of her stronger sister churches.

9. *Conway.*—Our missionary here left early in the year now reported and went to Wilton, Me. For some months the church was supplied by Mr. F. D. Kelsey, student at Andover. It has now engaged Rev. S. G. Norcross, from Vermont, for a year, whom it intends to support without missionary aid. It should do so as the place is increasing in wealth by the great concentration here of pleasure-seeking residents.

10. *Dalton.*—Rev. J. T. Otis performed six months' service here from July 1, 1872. Since then, it is believed, the church has not had regular preaching, though it has made, in connection with the Secretary, earnest efforts to obtain a stated supply. For the convenience and comfort of such, principally through efforts of the ladies, a desirable parsonage has been procured, which it is to be hoped will soon be occupied by a good minister.

11. *Deering.*—Rev. Mr. Holman has labored here ten years with much fidelity under great discouragements. The church is small, surrounded by strong opposing elements. In a popu-

lation of 700, only some 60 attend public worship. Great self-denial and strong faith in God are indispensable to his success who ministers here.

12. *Dover, Belknap Church.*—Our missionary writes: "The Belknap church has suffered, during the past year, the loss of two of its most active members, who were foremost in charitable enterprise. The church pursues its way far from being discouraged, and hopes for prosperity from God. It has a membership of 55; of whom 17 are males.

13. *Enfield.*—Rev. Mr. Hartshorn has, for ten years, performed very faithful, acceptable and useful service in this field. Thus far he has preached in a hall. Now the church and society are exerting themselves to erect a church edifice, with prospect of success with help from abroad. Such edifice is greatly needed. Our more favored churches may be assured their benefactions to this end will be wisely made and most gratefully received.

14. *Epsom.*—Mr. F. H. Wales, graduate of Dartmouth College, in 1872, served here in missionary work six months. Was earnest, faithful, acceptable. Did much to improve the children and youth in sacred music, and visiting over the parish for religious purposes. It is believed the church has, at this present time, a stated supply, for the support of whom missionary aid will be needed.

15. *Goff's Falls.*—This is a new missionary field, within the chartered limits of the city of Manchester, a manufacturing village. No organized church, or church building in the place. Public worship held in a school-house.

16. *Gorham.*—Encouraging progress here, both externally and in steadfast religious interest. Repairs on church edifice within the year at an expense of $250. Addition to Sabbath school library to the value of $65. Gradual increase of regular attendance on public worship. A young man has recently united with the church who is now studying for the Christian ministry. This church, in connection with the labors of its devoted pastor, within the eleven years of its existence, has been instrumental of great good, every way, to the people of this important railway station.

17. *Groton.*—This feeble church is now enjoying the very acceptable services of Mr. David F. Stewart, of Union Seminary. He is to remain four months from May 13. Last year the Congregational church united with the Methodists in sustaining a preacher of that order. It is too feeble to have constant preaching of its own faith.

18. *Goshen.*—Rev. J. Bragdon, having labored here faithfully and successfully three years, during which he secured the thorough repair of the church edifice, did much to promote temperance and morality among the youth, and was instrumental of promoting the spiritual interests of the church and the hopeful conversion of numbers, left at the termination of his commission in May, and has become stated supply at Hillsborough Bridge. His ministry was very useful in Goshen, not only to the Congregational church, but to the inhabitants of the town generally, the Baptist church and society uniting with the former in his support and in the enjoyment of his labors. Our church now unites with the Baptists in sustaining in common a preacher of that order.

19. *Kensington.*—Our faithful missionary here has been greatly afflicted, the past year, by the death of his excellent wife, after a long, painful sickness. Watching over her day and night undermined his strength and induced a disease so threatening to his own life that it was necessary for him to be taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Through the blessing of God, he found relief and has so far recovered as to return to his home and people. His sickness and bereavement awaken the practical sympathy of his people and of his ministerial brethren and Christian friends in and out of the State. He has a son just entered on the work of the ministry after a full course of preparation.

20. *Kingston.*—Rev. Mr. Chapman, having the high respect and confidence, not only of his own church and people but of the community of the town and vicinity, labors in faith and patience, with both encouragements and discouragements. His is a hard, but important field which he is earnestly, prayerfully cultivating.

21. *Lee.*—Much encouragement here. A parsonage has been

built, nearly free from debt. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Lees, who preaches a portion of the Sabbaths in Madbury, formerly a skilled mechanic, has done work on it with his own hands. An enlargement of their house of worship is necessary to accommodate the increasing audience, now scarcely finding room.

22. *Lempster.*—Great effort is making to repair the church edifice; a movement much needed. Good additions made to the Sabbath school library. This church, which was self-supporting for nearly one hundred years, has become very weak by deaths and removals. Two principal supporters left the town the past year.

23. *Madbury.*—This, a missionary district, occupied by the pastor at Lee, an adjoining town. No Congregational church in the place.

24. *Mason.*—Rev. Mr. Goodwin closed his labors here with the expiration of his commission, May 1st. The church is looking for a successor.

25. *Milan.*—See Berlin.

26. *Milton Mills.*—Great success has attended the labors of Mr. Scott with the church and people here, who highly appreciate his wisely directed services. The church, organized in 1871, has enjoyed an almost uninterrupted revival to the present. It now consists of 41 members; 25 of whom were admitted within the year now reported. Baptisms 16; of which seven were infant. Contributions to Christian object, $56.38. A young man, recently converted, declares his purpose to study for the ministry.

27. *Merrimack, South.*—Mr. W. B. Danforth was our missionary here at our last anniversary. Mr. J. Crumrine, of the Seminary, Andover, served here during his spring vacation. Present supply, ——— Herbert, a Baptist minister. The Congregational church is very weak; but two male members remaining.

28. *Munroe.*—This is a part of the former town of Lyman, situated on the Connecticut river, opposite Ryegate, Vermont, on the west. There was once a Congregational church here; none now, though several members of that at McIndoe's Falls, (a village in Ryegate) reside in Munroe. Rev. J. L. Litch, the pastor there, preaches here every other Sabbath afternoon.

A goodly number of the villagers in Munroe attend public worship over the river, when they have none on their side of it. In time, it is hoped, a Congregational church may be revived here.

29. *Nelson.*—This church, formed in 1781, was self-sustaining till within a year or two. Causes operating in many of our churches—deaths and removals—had so reduced the strength of this, that it could not longer support the institutions of the gospel without foreign aid. Rev. Mr. Gould came here in the latter part of 1872. Since January 1, 1873, he has been in commission from our Missionary Society, and is laboring, on the whole, with encouragement, though he regrets the removal from the town, recently, of two prominent members of the society.

30. *New Market, South.*—This church is deriving much benefit from the recent repairs and enlargement of its meeting-house, including a convenient vestry. But it suffers from numerical and pecuniary weakness, having, in all, but 11 members, of whom only two are males. New Market, South, is an important town, having a large Iron Foundry, employing hundreds of operatives. Our church should be sustained here.

31. *Newington.*—The Congregational church here is the only one in town. In it there is but one school district, which has just built a new school-house at the expense of $5,000. A town hall connected with it. The Sabbath school has received a donation of 50 books from the Congregational Publishing Society. The pastor writes: "No special religious interest with us. The prospect of the future of the church does not appear bright; but all is in the hands of our kind, Heavenly Father, and to Him we commit the interests of his cause and people."

32. *Ossipee Centre.*—No stated preaching here, since our missionary, Mr. C. C. Hood, left on September last. The church arranging to build a parsonage, have felt their resources should be reserved for that purpose. When that shall have been accomplished, they hope again to enjoy the constant means of grace.

33. *Plainfield.*—Mr. E. S. Busser, our missionary a year ago, left at the close of his commission. The church raised funds, with expected aid from our Missionary Society, to sustain

preaching six months of the current year. The Secretary has made earnest effort to secure a preacher, but not succeeded. The church has secured the labors, for the summer and autumn, of the teacher of Meriden Academy.

34. *Roxbury.*—Mr. George L. Nims served here six months in 1872. Mr. Lyman F. Rand is the present incumbent. The church is very feeble, five males and ten females; three of each non-residents. The town has but 130 inhabitants, 50 of whom are generally attendants on public worship; 40 in Sabbath school, a larger proportion than in most of our towns.

35. *Salisbury.*—This church, formed more than one hundred years ago, in 1772, managed, often amid great difficulties, to sustain the gospel unaided from abroad till the commencement of the present year. But death and emigrations have so weakened it that it has asked to receive from our Missionary Society $100 to enable them to give their pastor a salary of $500, in addition to the use of the parsonage. The religious society numbers but six members; all members of the church. Average congregation, 50; Sabbath school, 52.

36. *Sandown.*—Peculiar interest attaches to this church. A Congregational church embracing 57 members was formed in 1759, and had pastors most of the time to 1800. Since then it has declined almost to extinction. But, by means of a small ministerial fund, it has had a few Sabbath's preaching in most years till 1872, when a Council was called to reorganize it. Finding one female member, far advanced in life, still alive, the Council decided the church yet existed in her; so, instead of reorganazing, some half dozen persons were examined for admission to it, and were ultimately received, through a Committee of the Council. For some two years past it has had preaching every other Sabbath by students from the Seminary, Andover. There is a small Methodist church in the town containing some 500 inhabitants; but for years this church has had little preaching of its own order and has united in public worship with the Congregationalists in the Methodist church edifice.

37. *Sandwich.*—Not much change here from last year. Our missionary, Rev. C. L. Tappan, labors in faith and with fidelity, amid many discouragements. Taxable property of the Society about

$10,500, of which $9,714 belongs to the members of the church. Average congregation about 80. Members of the church, 28, of whom but seven are males; of the Sabbath school, 60.

38. *Seabrook, South.*—Our missionary here, Mr. William A. Rand, has passed most of the year in study in the Seminary, Andover; still taking the oversight of this church and preaching on the Sabbath, and superintending the Sabbath school.

39. *Wakefield.*—Some progress here. Parsonage repaired. Sabbath school library increased. A legacy of $500 recently left to the church. Average congregation, 60; Sabbath school, 35.

40. *Washington.*—The missionary writes: "We have enjoyed some religious interest the past year. Nine have been hopefully converted. We are repairing our meeting-house at an expense of some $350; helped to nearly one-half the sum by friends out of town; some of them former residents." Members of the church, 19; of whom but three are males. Congregation, 65; Sabbath school, 30.

41. *Wilmot.*—Condition of things in this church much as in former years. Average congregation, 75; Sabbath school, 66. Members in the church, 50; of whom 19 are males. Mr. Tracy writes: "We labor in hope, sow in tears and look to the time when we shall reap in joy. This is a hard field to work in, but it must not be given up. There are indications for good, and we trust a brighter day is coming for this people."

42. *Wentworth.*—Reports our missionary: "We have experienced no marked change in material or spiritual status. Our people still maintain the institutions of the gospel at the same rate as heretofore, though considerably reduced in their active members. Four members of the church have been removed the past year by death, and two by dismissal. We have recently adopted the "one service" system, to last through the hot weather. Our Sabbath school seems to increase in interest."

43. *Wolfeborough, North.*—Mr. George S. Bell, of Princeton Seminary commenced services here May 1, for four months, under favorable auspices; the labors of Mr. B. C. Henry, of the same Institution, performed in the place for two summers

previously, having prepared the way for his success. This church has not only been kept alive under God by these labors of Seminary students, but greatly strengthened, goodly numbers having been added to it.

STATE OF MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

It will be seen from the foregoing "details and results" that our mission churches have experienced no essential change from past years; that their external and spiritual condition is much the same as described in former annual Reports. With one or two exceptions, no revivals are reported. One of very encouraging character has blessed the recently organized church at Milton Mills, as the fruits of which, twenty-three have been added to it by profession within the year. Under date of June 25, the pastor writes: "There is no abatement in religious interest. One young man, a subject of the revival, has declared his purpose to study for the ministry." The good work commenced in Nelson in 1872 continues, in some degree. Sixteen have been added to the church by profession within the year. The young people maintain a weekly prayer-meeting. Those of Sabbath evening are well sustained. In some communities, earnest efforts are made in behalf of temperance; also to increase the attendance on Sabbath schools and the circulation of religious publications. It is cause for devout gratitude to the Master, that the gospel has been faithfully preached, through the year, to some 25 churches and congregations, and for months, to nearly as many more. The amount of good thus affected, in various ways, we cannot estimate, but is known to Christ, whose love to his church is infinite.

CONGREGATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

The Oberlin Council of Congregational churches in the United States, convened at Oberlin, Ohio, in November, 1871, adopted as Institutions through which they would act for the promotion of the kingdom of the Redeemer throughout our land and the world, seven, long-established societies of Congregational origin, viz: the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; the American Home Missionary Society; the Ameri-

can Education Society; the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education; the American Missionary Association, the American Congregational Union and the Congregational Publishing Society, all of which have their head-quarters or branches in the *Congregational* House, Boston. These Societies are all co-operative, all cordially sympathizing with each other; all having the entire confidence of each, and each of the whole, all, through different lines of action, aiming at the same result, the glory of God in the evangelization of our great country and of the world.

These seven co-operative Congregational Societies, in May and June last, held ten conventions at as many central points in our State, all represented by one or more of their officers or delegates. Your Secretary attended them all. Attendance on some of the conventions was not large; others were well attended; all were of high character, awakening a deep interest in all the several objects advocated. All present seemed to see and to feel, that a new era had opened in the Congregational churches in our land; that the benevolent objects demanding their thought, confidence and pecuniary support, were of very grave import and should stimulate to fervent prayer, earnest, untiring effort, and greatly enlarged benefactions. Much good must result from these conventions; much greater would have resulted, had they been more generally attended by pastors and churches.

SECRETARYSHIP AND GENERAL AGENCY.

The continued want of a Congregational Newspaper as a medium of communication with the pastors, churches and patrons of our benevolent, christian enterprises, operates as a serious hindrance to keeping them advised of the condition of our feeble churches and religious destitution, and of the efforts of the trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society to sustain and render effective Home Missions in the State. They are shut up, as means to these ends, to their Annual Report, read, probably, only by a small number of our church members; to occasional printed circulars, to the written correspondence, preaching, and addresses of their Secretary to County confer-

ences and ministerial associations. He has earnestly endeavored in all these ways to keep the cause as prominently as possible before the Congregational part of our community. He has visited most of our feeble churches within the year. With the exception of two or three Sabbaths, at seasons when traveling was almost impossible, he has, through the year, addressed churches on the Sabbath in most parts of the State on the Home Missionary work; attended meetings of County conferences and clerical associations, of the ten conventions of Congregational co-operative societies, holden in central towns over the State, and maintained a constant correspondence through the post-office with pastors, churches and prominent friends of the cause. While he has endeavored faithfully to do his duty in the important office he holds, he deeply regrets he has accomplished no more in furthering an enterprise involving the highest interests of our State and Nation, of the kingdom of the Redeemer, the salvation of souls.

SEMINARY STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

Early in the last autumn, and during the winter, the Secretary received numerous applications from members of Theological Seminaries, in and out of New England, for missionary employment, during their vacations of three and four months, among our destitute, feeble churches in New-Hampshire. On receipt of these applications, he wrote to all such churches, in the State, except a few that have merely a nominal existence, inquiring whether they would receive the services of such missionaries, boarding them and paying one-half the pecuniary expense; the whole $8 per week. Five accepted the proposal, also two towns in which are no Congregational churches. These are:

Roxbury, where Mr. Lyman F. Rand, of Princeton Seminary is now laboring.

North Wolfeborough, enjoying the services of Mr. George S. Bell, of the same Seminary.

Groton, that of Mr. David F. Stewart, Union Seminary, New York.

Alton, that of Mr. J. William Daniels, of Bates College, Maine.

Berlin and Milan, Coos County, the labors of Mr. A. J. Benedict, of Yale Divinity School.

Plainfield solicited such missionary service. Earnest effort was made to secure it for that church, but, for reasons which need not be stated, without success. It is gratifying to know, however, that church is now enjoying the preaching services on the Sabbath by teachers in Meriden Academy.

Some of the churches to which temporary supplies were offered, replied that for the year the ground would be occupied by other evangelical denominations, and it would be inexpedient for our Missionary Society to commission laborers to them. Other churches have made no response to the inquiry; but, in several instances, the Secretary has visited such churches, rather the communities in which they are nominally located, to see if anything could be done to introduce missionaries to them with prospect of usefulness. Insurmountable difficulties were thought to be in the way; so missionaries have not been commissioned to such places.

RECOMMENDATION.

The New-Hampshire Missionary Society, at its annual meeting in Bristol, in August, 1872, passed the following vote: viz.

"*Voted*, That we recommend to the trustees of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, to adopt, as far as practicable, the plan of enlisting the aid of the stronger churches in behalf of specific, feeble churches, and that when it is impossible for the time to procure the permanent services of ministers to labor in the feeble churches, systematic effort be made to supply them. The following outline of a plan is suggested:

1. That the trustees and Secretary be requested to distribute the State into conferences, or adjoining conferences, and secure some pastor to act as Superintendent of the district.

2. That the Superintendent, acting in conjunctions with the Secretary, visit the churches and arrange to supply their pulpits by definitely engaging each local pastor to give one Sabbath, calling in unemployed ministers and teachers in our

Academies, students in our Colleges and Academies, and others, personally endeavoring to enlist them in this work, promising small but certain pay from the New-Hampshire Missionary Society."

Early in the past Missionary year, by order of the trustees, the Secretary issued a printed circular containing the above vote of the Society, together with a copy of the following letter, to each of fourteen pastors of churches in central positions in their respective Conferences and sections of Conferences, requesting them, if practicable, to perform the service indicated in the vote above named.

COPY.

"REV. ——— ———

DEAR BROTHER.—The foregoing recommendations of the Society will explain themselves. You will observe they recognize the necessity of *specific, earnest effort* to furnish preaching and missionary labor to such of our churches as cannot have ministerial supplies. The plan above suggested carried out, would, we believe, result in great good, both to the strong and the feeble, destitute churches, that can have preaching and missionary labor in no other way.

Will you, dear brother, consent to act as Superintendent in the service contemplated in the foregoing recommendations of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society for the churches herein after named in ——— County Conference."

(Here the several churches within the bounds of the conference, or parts of the conference, the Superintendent was requested to oversee, were specified.)

"If your parochial duties will possibly admit, we hope you will undertake this important service for Christ and his feeble churches in your district. Any further information or explanation needed, in relation to the benevolent work contemplated, will be gladly furnished on request.

In behalf of the trustees of New-Hampshire Missionary Society:

Very truly yours,

WM. CLARK, *Secretary.*"

Not long since the Secretary wrote to the several pastors who had been selected in the foregoing circular to perform the service recommended by the General Association, requesting each to report what, if any, labors of the kind he had been able to do and their results. Most of the pastors, respectfully requested to enlist in the service, have replied. All such show an interest in having our feeble churches statedly supplied with a devoted, earnest ministry. Several have inquired carefully into the condition of the destitute or feeble churches commended to their superintendence. One has passed a Sabbath with each of two of the latter class not destitute, as one is temporarily supplied by a Seminary student, the other uniting with the Methodist church in the place in support of preaching of that order, preaching preparatory lectures on Saturdays, administering the Lord's Supper and preaching thrice on the Sabbath. Another has preached two Sabbaths to a destitute church. Most of the pastors who have accepted the trust as Superintendents, report nearly all the feeble churches in their respective conferences supplied either by preachers of our own order, or uniting with churches of other names in the enjoyment of Christian ordinances. But all seem to be distrustful as to the prospect of most of our present, feeble churches, gaining strength, for various reasons; among others, their depletion by death and emigration, to some two or three members; the decreasing population of these towns, and their opportunity to unite and their actual co-operation with churches of other evangelical names in the enjoyment of the public institutions of the gospel. One brother, a native of the State, for many years a pastor of one of our strong churches, and well acquainted with the status of our feeble churches, who has been requested to act as Superintendent in his conference writes: "I must say, I utterly despair of supplying a large part of these feeble churches with a regularly trained, ordained ministry at present. The men are not to be had, for they are not in existence, and there is little prospect that they will be for a score of years to come, not till long after the question of life or death, for most of these churches, is decided. Some other way must be found to keep these churches alive or they must die. Much meditating

on this subject, I see no other resource but *lay agency*, systematically, energetically, perseveringly, believingly, wisely sought out, directed, employed just as our missionaries in Western Asia and elsewhere are, seeking out the best they have and putting them to preaching Christ. To me, we seem as much shut up to this, in the providence of God, as the Israelites were to the passage of the Red Sea.

I may be mistaken, but it seems to me that this conviction is very rapidly gaining strength in the minds of thoughtful men, throughout the State. I see signs of a fast-growing feeling that no choice is left us, that, in no other way, can the crisis that is upon us be met. If you can point out anything that is practicable for me to do in the present circumstances, I shall be very ready to do it."

These are grave utterances from one of our wisest, most thoughtful pastors, who takes deep interest in the welfare of our feeble churches and in repairing our moral wastes.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHRISTIAN OBJECTS.

Home Missions, as well as all other accepted, important Christian enterprises of the age, need larger and more regular pecuniary support than they are now receiving. This is keenly felt by all called to superintend these causes, and by constantly increasing numbers of pastors and of intelligent, Christian laymen and ladies. The question presses on ecclesiastical bodies and on benevolent, Christian institutions throughout our country, how can the members of our churches, the professed friends of our Redeemer, be raised to a higher plane of Christian giving, to greater regularity in their offerings, to His cause? It is coming to be felt somewhat extensively, what ought ever to have been felt, and acted upon, that giving money for the promotion of this cause is as really and necessarily an act of worship, as prayer, and should be a constituent part of the regular services of the Sanctuary. It is believed we have divine authority for this. In his 1st epistle to the Corinthians, (I Cor. 16 : 1, 2) Paul writes: "Now, concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay

by him in store as God hath prospered him." "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." That alms-giving is acceptable worship to God is clear from the divine testimony to Cornelius. "A devout man, that gave much alms to the people and prayed to God always." The angel of God said to him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." Here we are told that the alms of Cornelius, as well as his prayers, were a constituent part of his memorial before God. Would his prayers alone, without his alms, have secured him this memorial? Without them would his prayers have been acceptable to God?

At numerous recent meetings of General Associations and conferences, as well as at meetings of more local bodies, of this character, large and earnest discussion was had on the question, "how can the members of our churches, generally, be led to contribute to our accepted, benevolent, Christian enterprises, more regularly and more liberally than they now do?" In some instances committees have been appointed to consider this subject and report ways and means by which the important object may be secured. Numerous churches, in different parts of the country, having adopted weekly or monthly offerings in connection with public worship through what is called the "envelope system," with encouraging success; with greatly augmented collections, it is thought the churches generally may be gradually brought to practice this system. Should it be accepted and adopted by all our churches in New-Hampshire, we should be relieved from stating, in our Annual Reports, that half our churches contribute nothing to Home Missions.

HOME MISSIONS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The New-Hampshire Missionary Society, formed in 1801, seventy-two years ago, has done a work in the State the extent and importance of which, are but imperfectly understood by most of the present generation. The facts following will show something of this work, viz:

All the Congregational churches on the east side of the State, from Exeter north to Canada line, except the 1st church in Dover, that at Salmon Falls and Tamworth—the latter has

applied for aid—have been, or are now, assisted by this Missionary Society in support of their pastors. The same is true of all our churches in the central part of the State, from Boscawen north, to that line, except Plymouth and Campton, and all in the western part north from Orford, aside from Haverhill.

Another View: Of the 32 Congregational churches composing the Strafford Conference, only five have been self-sustaining from the first, viz: Dover, 1st Church, Salmon Falls, Barnstead, 1st Church, Barnstead Parade and Sanbornton.

Grafton Conference.—Of the 22 churches belonging to this Conference, 12 are now, or have been, mission churches.

Coos Conference.—All the 8 churches of this body have been, or are now, of this character.

Cheshire Conference.—Fifteen of the 26 churches of this Conference have had a like history.

Hillsborough Conference.—Of the 31 churches of this organization, thirteen are, or have been, mission churches.

Merrimack Conference.—This Conference contains 25 churches, 12 of which are of like character.

Rockingham Conference.—Of the 33 churches belonging to this body, seventeen have been, or are, aided by mission funds in support of the institutions of the gospel.

Sullivan Conference.—Embraces thirteen churches, eight of which are, or have been, mission churches.

Thus it appears that one hundred and twelve of the one hundred and niney-two existing Congregational and Presbyterian churches of our State have been, or are now, aided by the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, leaving only 80 that have been self-sustaining from their origin. In addition to the 112 churches now, or formerly, on our mission list, eighteen, once on this catalogue, are now extinct, making in all one hundred and thirty churches that have sought and obtained aid from this Society, in support of the institutions of our divine religion.

Who can estimate the value of the service thus rendered to the cause of Christ in our State? We may be helped to an estimate by supposing the Society had never existed. In that event, much of the influence for good of Congregationalism in it would have been wanting. Would our denomination have effect-

ed half the salutary results it has caused to morality, good order, education, refinement, benevolence, religion, salvation of souls? In estimating the good done by our Missionary Society, we are not to look simply, and only, to the pecuniary aid it has rendered, first and last, to the 130 churches in the State in the support of the gospel, but to the reflex influence on the stronger churches, of aiding the weaker. It has awakened their Christian sympathies; elicited their prayers; enlarged their zeal; fostered and expanded their benevolence; promoted their enjoyment; strengthened their character; given them power for good they would not otherwise have had. The history of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society illustrates the inspired saying, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." Were the Society now to suspend its operations and disband, we should have illustration of that other divine utterance, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society, formed in May, 1826, 47 years ago, has organized, principally in the interior and Pacific States, 3,750 churches. Its operations extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the northern Lakes to southern Missouri; to Kansas, Tennessee and Virginia. It employed, in 1872–3 951 missionaries, who labored in 30 different States and Territories; supplying 2,145 congregations and missionary districts; performing, in the aggregate, 714 years of ministerial labor. Children and youth gathered in Sabbath schools, about 74,000; conversions reported by 367 missionaries, 2,935; additions to the churches, 5,725; 3,183 on profession of their faith, 2,542 by letter from other churches; 89 churches organized; 34 have risen to self-support. Fifty houses of worship have been completed; the building of thirty-three commenced; 77 young men, members of missionary churches, reported as in different stages of preparation for the ministry. Receipts of the Society, during the year, $267,691.42; total receipts from the first, $6.547,150.05. Total years of labor performed, 29,325. Whole number of additions to the churches, 229,585.

Thus great work has been done; but a vastly greater re-

mains to be done. Most of our vast, national domain is missionary ground, rapidly filling with emigration from nearly all the other nations of the world; bringing with it not much true piety, but abounding infidelity, irreligion, immorality, vice and crime; giving ungodly character to the thousands of rising towns and cities all over our immensely extended territory. Unless the institutions of the gospel are planted in all parts of it, at the commencement of settlements, it will be very difficult to do this subsequently; and unless it shall be done, these communities will become Sodom in character, and must ultimately bring down the wrath of Jehovah on our nation; for He declares "the nation and kingdom that will not serve his church shall perish; yea, these nations shall be utterly wasted."

Now the only means of preserving our beloved nation is the fear of Him in the hearts of its present and future millions. How are they to be inspired with this godly fear? Only through the institutions of the gospel. How are these institutions to be planted and established in our mighty land? Clearly, only in a missionary way.

Here, then, we may see something of the greatness of the Home Missionary work to be done in our great Country. On it depends, under God, the continuance of our Republic, and of its invaluable, free institutions, civil and religious; the spiritual and eternal interests of its present and future teeming millions of souls, for whose salvation Jesus Christ died. What motive here to fervant prayer, and earnest, increasing effort to evangelize our entire nation!

For the Trustees:

Wm. Clark, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1872–3.

L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurer, in account with*
THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

	DR.
To balance from last year's account,	$3.700.22
Donations from churches and individuals,	2,400.43
Donations from the New-Hampshire Cent Institution,	2,433.37
Legacies,	1,592.62
Donations for American Home Missionary Society,	1,068.11
Income from Permanent Fund,	150.36
Receipts from miscellaneous sources.	74.47
	$11,419.58

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By amount paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$4,849.08
" " American Home Missionary Society,*	1,068.11
" " Rev. Dr. William Clark, as salary,	1,000.00
" " for his traveling expenses, postage, stationary, &c.,	232.99
" " Treasurer, as salary,	150.00
" " " for postage, stationary and Rev. stamps,	31.10
" " Treasuress of N. H. Cent Institution, as salary,	30.00
" " " for postage, stationary and expressage,	5.44
" " R. W. Musgrove, for printing Report of Cent Society,	120.00
" " " " " " " Annual Reports,	126.50
" " " " " " " packing and distributing Reports,	16.55
Balance carried to next year's account,	3,769.81
	$11.419.58

*Of this sum, $20 was received in 1872 but not paid to the American Home Missionary Society till 1873.

This certifies that we have examined the account of Hon. L. D. Stevens, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society and believe the same to be correct; leaving a balance in his hands of three thousand seven hundred sixty-nine dollars and eighty-one cents.

JOHN KIMBALL, WM. W. STORRS, } *Auditors.*

Concord, N. H., August 25, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Amherst—Congregational Church and Society,	$67.42
Acworth—Congregational Church and Society, $21; Ladies' Charitable Society in full to constitute Rev. Nathan B. Nichols life member, $15,	36.00
Antrim—Presbyterian Church and Society,	20.00
Auburn—Congregational Church and Society,	3.50
Bennington—Congregational Church and Society, $11.35; for A. H. M. S., $22,	33.35
Bristol—Miss Harriet Green,	5.00
Brentwood—Congregational Church and Society,	5.10
Bedford—Mr. Blanchard Nichols,	25.00
Boscawen—Congregational Church and Society,	25.00
Chester—Congregational Church and Society, to constitue Rev. Chas. Tenney life member,	30.00
Charlestown—Congregational Church and Society,	32.00
Concord—Legacy of Benjamin Whidden, deceased, in part,	963.12
Concord, West—Congregational Church and Society, $22; from F. J. Emerson in part to constitute Mrs. F. J. Emerson life member, $10,	32.00
Concord, North—First Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Miss Theda Wellman, Jennie Holt, Mrs. Mark A. Holt, Mrs. Isaac N. Abbott and Mrs. Sylvester Dana, life members, $155.10; for A. H, M. S., to constitute Charles R. Walker, Helen A. Stewart, Hiram Richardson, Charles T. Huntoon, Charles P. Blanchard and Cyrus M. Murdock, live members $192.80,	347.90
Concord, South—Mrs. Clara D. Berry, in part to constitute Wilbur F. Pearsons, life member, $10; South Congregational Church and Society for A. H. M. Society, $163.92. A friend, for same, $5.00,	178.92
Canterbury—Congregational Church and Society,	13.00
Candia—Congregational Church and Society,	24.40
Campton—Congregational Church and Society,	15.62
Chatham and Stowe, Me.—Congregational Church and Society,	7.00
Dunbarton—Congregational Church and Society,	9.00
Dover—Belknap Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Deerfield—Congregational Church and Society,	16.00
Derry—Legacy of Sarah Humphrey,	175.00
Epsom—Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
Epping—Congregational Church and Society,	36.45
East Derry—Congregational Church and Society to constitute Orrin G. Baker and John Merriam, life members,	79.01
Enfield—Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
Exeter—Dr. Wm. Perry, for A. H. M. Society,	20.00
Francestown—Joseph Kingsbury,	30.00

Franklin—Rev. Wm. T. Savage, to constitute himself life member of A. H. M. S., $30; Congregational Church and Society, $60.60,	90.60
Fisherville—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Dea. Joseph Moody life member,	34.60
Groton—Parker Blood, for A. H. M. Society,	20.00
Gorham—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Gilmanton Centre—Congregational Church and Society,	20.10
Greenland—Congregational Church and Society,	20.43
Gilsum—Congregational Church and Society,	21.25
Goffstown—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. J. D. Allen life member,	34.00
Greenfield—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S.,	11.50
Hillsborough Bridge—Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S.,	10.00
Hampstead—Congregational Church and Society,	15.20
Hopkinton—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
Harrisville—Congregational Church and Society,	25.75
Hollis—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Nathan Willoughby, Miss Ella Greenwood and Edgar Patch life members of A. H. M. Society, $100. A friend, $3,	103.00
Henniker—Congregational Church and Society, $40, and for A. H. M. S. $100,	140.00
Jaffrey—Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
Keene—Second Congregational Church and Society,	77.52
Kingston—Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Lyndeborough—Congregational Church and Society,	32.09
Laconia—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute David M. Prescott life director of A. H. M. Society,	50.00
Loudon—Congregational Church and Society,	5.00
Littleton—Congregational Church and Society,	30.00
Lempster—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Marlborough—Congregational Church and Society,	14.43
Meriden—Mrs. Catharine Farnum,	1.00
Monroe—Legacy of Mrs. Jane Guild,	485.00
Mont Vernon—Congregational Church and Society,	30.00
Mason—Congregational Church and Society,	5.50
Milton Mills—Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
Merrimack—Congregational Church and Society, $72.45; R. H. Pratt, $2,	74.45
New Ipswich—Congregational Church and Society,	21.29
New Market—Congregational Church and Society,	17.20
Nashua—Pearl St. Congregational Church and Society, $57.25; First Congregational Church and Society, for A. H. M. S., $160.75; Olive street Congregational Church and Society, $2,	220.00
Northwood—Congregational Church and Society,	16.25
North Hampton—Congregational Church and Society,	24.50
Nelson—Congregational Church and Society,	6.25
Newington—Congregational Church and Society,	9.08
Newport—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Harriet Putney and Mr. Arthur B. Chase life members,	47.00
Orford—Congregational Church and Society,	16.40
Portsmouth—North Congregational Church and Society to constitute Miss Sophronia Rogers life member, $165, and to constitute Chas. E. Myers and Reuben Kimball life members of A. H. M. S., $60,	225.00
Plymouth—Congregational Church and Society, $19.35; James McQuestion to constitute himself life director of A. H. M. S., $50,	69.35
Peterborough—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute F. F. Tarbell life member of A. H. M. S., $32.14 and $20.	$52.14

Pelham—James Tyler in full, to constitute himself life member of A. H. M. S., $10; Congregational Church and Society $22.90,	$32.90
Pittsfield—Rev. H. A. Hazen, $10; Edmund C. Jenkins, $1.	11.00
Pembroke—Congregational Church and Society.	26.00
Rochester—Congregational Church and Society.	81.50
Rindge—Congregational Church and Society, $8.92; Female Auxillary Home Missionary Society, $27.20,	36.12
Rye—Congregational Church and Society,	18.00
Swansey—Congregational Church and Society,	13.73
Salisbury—Congregational Church and Society,	5.23
Stratham—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Miss Fanny A. Lane life member,	31.00
Sanbornton—Congregational Church and Society,	21.00
Tilton and Northfield—Congregational Church and Society, $6.15; for A. H. M. Society, $5.	11.15
Tilton—Legacy of Mrs. Nancy Hartford,	124.80
West Lebanon—Congregational Church and Society.	14.50
Warner—Congregational Church and Society,	17.00
Wakefield—Congregational Church and Society,	20.00
Webster—Congregational Church and Society, $22.50; Henry L. Dodge in full to constitute Mary L. Dodge life member of A. H. M. S., $15.	37.50
Wentworth—Congregational Church and Society,	6.00
Wilton—Congregational Church and Society,	16.00
Wolfeborough—Congregational Church and Society.	18.50
Wilmot—Congregational Church and Society,	22.61
Walpole—Congregational Church and Society,	60.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Friend of Mission Work in New England States,	$10.00
Interest on E. W. Woodward's note,	2.50
Rockingham County Conference, of churches,	11.97
Amount received for pulpit services of Dr. Clark,	50.00

TABLE

Showing the places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, *and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.*

YEARS.	PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—	Hopkinton,	$51.56
1802—	Concord,	386.62
1803—	Concord,	309.46
1804—	Concord,	406.09
1805—	Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—	Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—	Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—	Concord,	1,290.48
1809—	Concord,	735.92
1810—	Concord,	1,288.27
1811—	Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—	Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—	Plymouth,	932.27
1814—	Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—	Keene,	2,807.98
1816—	Concord,	2,633.36
1817—	Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—	Dover	2,427.10
1819—	Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—	Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—	New-Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—	Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—	Acworth,	1,846.20
1824—	Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—	Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—	Durham,	1,872.07
1827—	Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—	Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—	Newport,	2,416.71
1830—	Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—	Concord,	2,371.34
1832—	Amherst,	5,820.75
1833—	Keene,	5,067.66
1834—	Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24

1835—Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836—Exeter,	4,942.02
1837—Claremont,	5,506.14
1838—New-Ipswich,	5,396.81
1839—Lyme,	4,616.37
1840—Hampton,	4,596.83
1841—Francestown,	5,187.03
842—Dover	5,361.11
1843—Nashua.	5,730.36
844—Concord, South Church,	7,582.66
1845—Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846—Newport,	9,027.15
1847 Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	6,050.51
1848—Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849—Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850—Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851—Acworth,	9,948.47
1852—Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1853—Littleton,	10,461.21
1854—Derry,	8,417.53
1855—Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856—Exeter, First Church,	6,690.47
1857—Keene,	8,148.55
1858—Hampton,	6,732.26
1859—Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860—Claremont,	7,258.60
1861—Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1862—Concord, South,	7,182.49
1863—Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864—Manchester,	7,556.61
1865—Newport,	8,589.13
1866—Dover,	20,064.51
1867—Nashua,	12,068.17
1868—Concord, North Church.	11,810.04
1869—Keene,	22,932.54
1870—Milford,	9,598.92
1871—Rochester,	14,600.79
1872—Bristol,	11,962.15
1873—Laconia,	11,825.23
Total amount raised in seventy-two years,	$398,344.23

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS OF THE N. H. M. S. DURING THE YEAR.

RESIDENCE. NAMES.

ACWORTH—Rev. Nathan B. Nichols.

BRISTOL—Rev. Silas Ketchum, (1871).

CHESTER—Rev. Charles Tenney.

CONCORD, NORTH—Mrs. Isaac N. Abbott, Mrs. Mark A. Holt, Mrs. Sylvester Dana, Miss Theda Wellman, Miss Jennie Holt.

EAST DERRY—Orrin G. Baker, John Merriam.

FISHERVILLE—Dea. Joseph Moody.

GOFFSTOWN—Mrs. J. D. Allen.

PORTSMOUTH—Miss Sophronia L. Rodgers.

STRATHAM—Miss Fanny Lane.

LIFE DIRECTORS.

PLYMOUTH—James McQuestion.

LACONIA—Dr. David M. Prescott.

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS OF THE A. H. M. S. DURING THE YEAR.

RESIDENCE. NAMES.

CONCORD, NORTH—Hiram Richardson, Charles T. Huntoon, Cyrus M. Murdock, Charles P. Blanchard, Charles R. Walker, Helen A. Stewart.

HOLLIS—Mrs. Nathan Willoughby, Miss Ellen E. Greenwood, Edgar J. Patch.

PELHAM—James Tyler.

PETERBOROUGH—F. F. Tarbell.

WEBSTER—Mary L. Dodge.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

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HELD AT

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS.

SECRETARY,

REV. FRANKLIN D. AYER, *Concord.*

STATISTICAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER,

REV. SAMUEL L. GEROULD, *Goffstown.*

Annual meeting at Claremont, Tuesday after second Sabbath in September, 1875.

PREACHER OF OPENING SERMON to be appointed.

PREACHER BEFORE THE SACRAMENT, Rev. Carlos Martyn, Primary; Rev. Cyrus Richardson, Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord; Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton; Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, Rev. L. Rodgers, Hon. E. L. Goddard, Claremont; Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Newport.

ESSAY: What is the duty of our churches in view of the corruptions in Public Life?

Essayist, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Stratham; *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Lees, Lee.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION. 1. What is the Christian duty regarding demitting the ministry?

To lead the Discussion: Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Hanover; Rev. Geo. E. Street, Exeter.

2. How shall more loyalty be secured among our church members, in sustaining and extending the principles of our denomination?

To lead the Discussion: Rev. Joseph Bartlett, South Newmarket; Rev. W. F. Bacon, Laconia.

3. What are the best methods for securing the conversion and Christian training of children?

To lead the Discussion: A. B. Palmer, Orfordville; Rev. S. W. Webb, Great Falls.

COUNTY CONFERENCES.

	Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer.	Annual Meeting.	Assessment, $300.00.
Cheshire,	Rev. John L. Merrill,	2nd Wednesday June.	$35.00
Coos,	Rev. A. E. Hall, Rev. Q. Blakely,	2nd Tuesday June.	8.00
Grafton,	Dea. Isaac Willard, C. & T. Rev. Geo. F. Merriam.	2nd Tuesday June.	33.00
Hillsborough,	Rev. S. L. Gerould, C. & T.	2nd Tuesday June.	80.00
Merrimack,	Rev. S. L. Blake,		44.00
Rockingham,	Rev. Edward Robie,	2nd Tuesday June.	50.00
Strafford,	Rev. M. T. Runnels,	3rd Tuesday June.	35.00
Sullivan.	Rev. L. Rodgers,	4th Tuesday June.	15.00

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The membership is shown in Alphabetical List of Ministers.

Association.	Scribe.	Organized.		Meetings. *Tuesdays.*
Belknap,	Q. Blakely,	April 20,	1841	Before last Sabbath in Jan. and Oct. and 2nd in May and August.
Derry and Manchester,	S. L. Gerould,	Aug, 19,	1799	2nd in Jan. & *quarterly* at Manchester.
Harmony,	S. H. Riddel.	Mar. 4,	1834	3d in Jan. & 2d in May, July & Oct.
Hollis,	D. E. Adams,	May 5,	1762	1st in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov.
Hopkinton,	T. C. Pratt,	Aug. 26,	1788	After 1st Sabbath in Jan. & alternate months in Concord.
Lancaster,	A. E. Hall.	Aug. 13,	1833	1st in Feb., May and Oct.
Monadnock,	E. Harmon,	Aug. 5	1793	2nd in May, Aug., Oct. and Dec.
Orange,	A. H. Elliott.	Oct. 7,	1801	1st in Feb., May and Oct.
Piscataqua,	J. H. Stearns,	Oct. 24,	1787	3d in Jan. and quarterly,
Sullivan.	L. Rodgers,	May 26,	1829	2nd in Jan., May, July and Oct.
Suncook,	Wm. O. Carr,		1859	2nd in Jan. and quarterly.
Union,	Geo. Dustan,		1812	2nd in May, Aug. and Oct.
White River,	Wm. Sewall,		1845	2nd in Jan. and alternate months.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every three members of an Association, and one layman for every three churches belonging to a Conference; and also of the officers, preacher and committees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in person, the persons appointed to prepare essays and lead in discussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, the New-Hampshire Bible Society, the New-Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, a representation of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church with which the Association meets. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of the churches connected with the Association, who may be present, shall be considered as corresponding members, with the right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical

power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness.

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the Tuesday after the second Sabbath of September, at ten o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair, and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a moderator, a scribe, and, if necessary, an assistant scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, and Statistical Secretary, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the time and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. These Secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

5. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to

appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the first day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

6. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the first of June.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associate.

VII. COMMITTEES. I. At each meeting of the Association a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate three questions of religious doctrine or practice, one of which shall relate to the interests of Sabbath Schools, for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate three persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each; to be followed by a general discussion, speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprises, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribe of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other persons as they may select, shall be a committee of publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceedings. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals, and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, shall be a presentation of benevolent causes; only three of which in addition to the State Auxiliaries, shall be presented at any meeting. No cause shall be presented oftener than once in two years; and the order of rotation shall be: 1st year, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; Congregational Publishing Society; Congregational Union. 2nd year, American Missionary Association; Tract Society; Seaman's Friend Society.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay, and discussion thereon.

2. *Wednesday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Discussion of question relating to Sabbath Schools.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of question.

3. *Thursday*, 8 A. M. Business of Association.

9 A. M. Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4. All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such times as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct

the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of the question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question now be put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of the other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. The Association will maintain a fraternal relation with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberation as honorary members.

2. The Secretary may also, in special cases, at his discretion, give credentials to any member of this body, entitling him to act as its representative at the meeting of similar bodies in other states.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative

strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. AMENDMENTS. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body in which two-thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire met for its Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting at Exeter, in the First Congregational Church, September 15th, 1874, at 10.30 A. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., President of Dartmouth College. Text, II. Timothy, II: 15. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God.

Subject: Essential Elements of Pulpit Power.

After the sermon, the Association was called to order by the preacher.

The following persons were enrolled as members:

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. D. S. Hibbard, Rev. George H. Scott, Rev. Giles Leach, Rev. W. F. Bacon.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. J. S. Gay, Rev. S. L. Gerould, Rev. R. W. Haskins, Rev. A. Berry, Rev. E. W. Bullard.

Harmony—Rev. S. G. Norcross.

Hollis—Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., Rev. C. Weatherby, Rev. T. S. Robie.

Hopkinton—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. S. S. Morrill.

Monadnock—Rev. F. G. Clark.

Orange—Rev. N. F. Carter.

Piscataqua—Rev. Carlos Martyn, Rev. J. H. Stearns, Rev. F. Davis, Rev. A. B. Peabody, Rev. Geo. Spalding, Rev. I. C. White, Rev. T. V. Haines, Rev. E. Robie.

Sullivan—Rev. L. Rodgers, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

Union—Rev. J. Holmes.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. O. D. Converse, Rindge.

Grafton—Dr. Ira S. Chase, Bristol.

Hillsborough—Dea. E. D. Boylston, Amherst; Dea. Marshall Kimball, Greenville.

Merrimack—Hon. J. E. Sargent, LL. D., Concord; Dea. M. D. Wheeler, Warner.

Rockingham—Hon. J. W. Noyes, Chester; H. R. Underhill, Derry; J. Stevens, Portsmouth; F. R. Drake, North Hampton; Dea. J. Perkins, Hampton.

Strafford—Dr. S. W. Roberts, Wakefield; W. H. Mason, Sandwich; Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover; G. C. Prescott, Gilmanton.

Sullivan—Dea. Alvah Smith, Lempster.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Preachers—Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover; Rev. Geo. B. Spalding, Dover.

Secretary—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton.

Essayists—Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Rev. L. A. Austin, Prof. A. C. Perkins, Rev. Moses T. Runnels, Rev. H. M. Stone, Rev. G. I. Bard.

Secretaries of Benevolent Societies—Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Isaac Willey, Rev. W. R. Jewett.

Dartmouth College—Rev. S. P. Leeds, D. D.

Treasurer of the New Hampshire Missionary Society—Hon. L. D. Stevens.

Hon. J. E. Sargent, LL. D., of Concord, was chosen Moderator; Rev. W. Carlos Martyn, Portsmouth, Scribe; Rev. John Bragdon, Hillsborough, Assistant Scribe.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

2 *o'clock*. Rev. E. H. Greeley, Concord, of Committee on Nominations, resigned. Accepted; and Rev. C. E. Milliken, of Littleton, was elected to his place.

Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., led in prayer. Singing.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord, read the Narrative of the State of Religion.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bouton.

Reminiscences were given of deceased members; Rev. Mr. Ayer, Concord, having read the following names:

Rev. Jacob Scales, Rev. Isaac Jones, Rev. Rufus A. Putnam, Rev. Caleb F. Page, Rev. Moses Gerould, Rev. James Laird.

The following were former members and co-laborers in this State: Rev. Henry Wood, Rev. Nathan W. Sheldon, Rev. Elias C. Hooker, Rev. Isaac F. Holton, Rev. Walter Follett, Rev. John Smith, Rev. John Keep, Rev. James W. Perkins, Rev. Giles Lyman, Rev. Abraham Jackson, Rev. Worthington Wright.

Rev. Dr. Smith spoke feelingly of Rev. Moses Gerould; Rev. Dr. Bouton spoke of Rev. John Smith; Rev. Mr. Willey spoke of Rev. Jacob Scales; Rev. Dr. Clark of many of the above-mentioned names. Rev. Mr. Bullard spoke of Rev. Elias C. Hooker, also Rev. Frederick Alvord. Rev. Dr. Clement, of Vermont, spoke of Rev. Worthington Wright. Rev. Mr. Spalding, of Dover, spoke of Rev. Dr. Tobey—lying at the point of death.

Rev. Dr. Davis, of Amherst, led in prayer, with special reference to the case of Bro. Tobey.

Rev. E. H. Greeley reported as delegate from this body to the Theological Seminary at Andover.

Claims of Benevolent Societies were presented:

American Missionary Association.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

American Bible Society.

Voted: That the collection for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund be taken on Wednesday Evening.

Voted: To print fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes.

After singing, and prayer by Pres. Smith, adjourned to 7½ A. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

7.30 *o'clock.* Song by Miss Brackett, of Exeter.

Rev. Geo. B. Spalding, Rev. Silas Ketchum, and Rev. A. B. Peabody were appointed Committee of Inquiry.

Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Clement, of Vermont.

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., of Amherst, read an Essay upon the topic, "The Special needs of the Christian Church in view of the Skepticism and Worldliness of the present day."

Song, by Miss Brackett of Exeter.

The subject of the Essay was discussed by Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Geo. B. Spalding, Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D.

Singing. Adjourned to 8 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Prayer-meeting from 8 to 9, led by Rev. E. G. Seldon.

9 *o'clock.* Business meeting, opened with prayer by Rev. H. M. Stone, of Rochester.

Voted: That a committee of three on printing extra copies of the Narrative be appointed; to consist of Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. S. Ketchum and Rev. E. H. Greeley.

Committee on Sustentation reported as follows: viz., That in a survey of the Home Missionary work in New-Hampshire, and in view of the recent advance in the salaries of those in this service, the way is not opened for the introduction of measures for the raising of separate funds for the support of these ministers.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord, was re-elected Secretary of the Association.

Rev. S. L. Gerould was elected Statistical Secretary, to succeed Rev. H. A. Hazen, removed from the State.

Rev. Moses T. Runnels was elected Trustee of Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, to succeed Rev. Hiram B. Putnam, removed from the State.

Notice of amendment of Constitution and Rules was given by Rev. S. L. Blake and Rev. Silas Ketchum.

Voted: To refer the whole matter to a Committee of three, appointed by chair, to report before final adjournment.

Chair appointed Rev. Messrs. Blake, Ketchum and Wetherby such Committee.

Voted: To add two laymen to above Committee, and Bros. Noyes, of Chester, and Brown, of Campton, were so added.

10.15 *o'clock.* Presentation of Benevolent Causes continued:

Congregational Publishing Society, by Rev. Asa Bullard.

Seamen's Friend Society, by Captain A. Bartlett.

American Tract Society, by Rev. F. B. Perkins.

Singing: "Our God, Our help in Ages Past."

11 *o'clock.* Discussion: What is the duty of members of the church in regard to the Academic Education of their children?

Opened by Rev. L. A. Austin, Principal of Meriden Academy, and Prof. A. C. Perkins, Principal of Phillip's Academy, Exeter.

Remarks by Pres. A. D. Smith, D. D., of Dartmouth College, Geo. E. Jenks, Esq., of Concord.

Singing: Doxology. Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2 *o'clock.* Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Clark, Amherst.

Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Education Society.

3 *o'clock.* Rev. W. J. Tucker, of Manchester, read the annual report of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

Voted: That the report be adopted and printed with the Minutes of the Association.

Rev. L. Farnum, of the General Theological Library, at Boston, spoke with reference to that Institution.

Rev. Dr. Chickering, of the National Temperance Society, made a few remarks with reference to that Society.

Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Salem, N. H., presented the claims of the Congregational Union.

Singing: Doxology. Adjourned to 3 P. M.

MEETING IN 2ND CHURCH; WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

3 *o'clock.* Voluntary by choir.

In the absence of the moderator, Rev. Carlos Martyn, Portsmouth, was called to the chair.

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Mann.

Singing.

Discussion: How shall a more thorough study of the Scriptures be secured in our Sunday Schools?

Opened by Rev. M. T. Runnels and G. I. Bard; followed by Rev. Asa Bullard, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. Charles Wetherby and Prof. Chickering.

Singing: "My Faith looks up to Thee." Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7 *o'clock.* Business.

Voted: That Rev. Dr. Davis be requested to furnish a copy of his Essay for publication.

Rev. S. L. Blake, from committee on proposed change in Constitution and Rules, specified the proposed change in said Constitution and Rules, as follows:

Article VIII. Tuesday, 3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which shall be a presentation of benevolent causes, only three of which, in addition to the State Auxiliaries, shall be presented at one meeting. No cause shall be presented oftener than once in two years, and the order of

rotation shall be: 1st year, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Congregational Publishing Society, Congregational Union. 2nd year, American Missionary Association, Tract Society, Seamen's Friend Society.

Wednesday, 10 A. M. Strike out the present order, and insert, "Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund."

Thursday, 10 A. M. changed to 9 A. M.

Voted: To accept the report and adopt amendments proposed.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, from Committee on printing extra copies of Narrative, reported, recommending Association to print 3,000 copies of Narrative of the State of Religion, with Secretary's Report on Home Missions, next year. Adopted.

Voted: That the Secretary be requested to furnish credentials, as delegates, to the pastors nearest the place of meeting, each year, of the Methodist Conference, the Baptist and the Free Will Baptist Conventions, that they may represent this body in those meetings.

Rev. C. E. Milliken, of Littleton, reported the following recommendation: That a union Sabbath School Convention be held at Manchester, October 21 and 22; that Rev. Geo. Dustan, of Peterboro', John G. Lane, of Manchester, Rev. S. L. Gerould, of Goffstown, be a Committee, on the part of this Association, to correspond with Rev. Geo. M. Park, of Farmington, of the Free Will Baptist denomination, Rev. T. L. Flood, of Concord, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, and such persons as they may select from the Baptist denomination, and with them make such arrangements as are necessary to carry out the recommendation.

Prayer, by Rev. W. J. Tucker.

Singing by the choir.

After remarks by Rev. Dr. Bouton, Concord, the collection for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was taken, amounting to $72.00.

Discussion: What is the proper work of women in the Cause of Christ?

Opened by Rev. Wm. Carlos Martyn, and Rev. H. M. Stone; followed by Prof. Perkins, Exeter.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Prayer-meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock. Conducted by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

9 *o'clock.* Business Meeting. Prayer by Rev. Wm. R. Jewett.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Place of Meeting next year—Claremont.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. L. Rodgers, Rev. E. E. P. Abbott, Hon. E. L. Goddard.

Preacher before Communion—Rev. Carlos Martyn, Portsmouth; *Substitute*—Rev. C. Richardson, Keene.

DELEGATES.

To Andover Theological Seminary—Rev. E. Robie, Greenland; *Substitute*—Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord.

To National Council—Rev. E. H. Greeley, Concord; Hon. A. W. Sawyer, Nashua; Rev. I. C. White, Newmarket. *Substitutes*—Rev. John Colby, Fitzwilliam; Hon. Samuel Upton, Manchester; Rev. L. Rodgers, Claremont.

Report was accepted and adopted.

Committee of Arrangements reported as follows:

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Discussion: What is the Christian duty regarding demitting the Ministry?

Opened by Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover; *Substitute*—Rev. Geo. E. Street, Exeter.

Discussion: How shall more loyalty be secured among our church members in sustaining and extending the principles of our denomination?

Opened by Rev. Joseph Bartlett, South Newmarket; *Substitute*—Rev. W. F. Bacon, Laconia.

Discussion: What are the best methods for securing the conversion and Christian training of children?

Opened by A. B. Palmer, Esq., Orfordville; *Substitute*—Rev. S. W. Webb, Great Falls.

Essay: What is the duty of our church in view of the corruptions prevalent in public life?

Primary—Rev. A. B. Peabody; *Substitute*—Rev. J. W. Lees, Lee.

Treasurer's report was read by Rev. F. D. Ayer.

Voted: That the thanks of this Association be extended to the U. S. and Canada Express, through their agent, N. White, Esq., Concord; and that the Secretary of this Association be instructed to communicate this vote to Mr. White.

Voted: That the same amount of money be raised to defray the expense of printing the Minutes as last year, viz., $300.00.

Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are, hereby extended to the people of Exeter for their kind and generous hospitality; to Rev. Swift Byington, Geo. E. West and Dea. Thos. Folsom, for their careful provision for the meetings of the Association; and to the several Railroad Companies, which have reduced their fares.

Adopted unanimously.

Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, was elected as a member of the Committee of Nominations.

10 *o'clock.* Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Voted: that at the close of the Communion Service, the Association adjourn to meet in Claremont, the Tuesday after the second Sabbath in September, 1875.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AT 2ND CHURCH.

2 *o'clock.* The sermon before Communion was by Rev. Geo. B. Spalding, Dover. Text, John XIX: 5. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

Subject: The personality of Christ the Christian's best argument.

Rev. Dr. Bouton and Bro. Smith officiated at the table.

Adjourned.

J. E. SARGENT, *Moderator.*

WM. CARLOS MARTYN, *Scribe.*

JOHN BRAGDON, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Very litttle of the real history and experience of any life is ever written. The statistics of most churches are among the least things they have. The narrative that covers the state of religion in our Commonwealth for a year, can bear to you but too little of the real life and worth of the piety it seeks to measure. Yet we cannot well do without these reports, for they hint to us a great many things which they can never tell, and they tell us things about each other which we need to know. Let us review the churches by their Conferences:

Cheshire Conference embraces twenty-six churches; nine having pastors; ten acting pastors, and seven vacant.

The report of the state of religion from this county is very encouraging, while the statistics gathered are complete. From the schedule I find that fourteen churches have had accessions amounting to two hundred and twelve.

The church in Harrisville reports evidence of the presence of the Spirit, and that some souls have been led to Christ. Each week new cases of conversion are found, among the old and the young. Eleven have united with the church, and others will do so soon. The society is struggling nobly to support its minister, though to do so it has been obliged to increase its subscriptions largely.

There is great pleasure in reporting of a revival, as the church in Hinsdale can do. At the close of the old year all looked dark. The last week of it one sinner sought the Savior. Others were soon convicted, and this so inspired the church that, as the Week of Prayer opened, there was more faith, more prayer,

more work. The burden was for the Holy Spirit to come. The desire was met; and day by day souls came to Christ, till nearly an hundred felt his power. The old, hardened in sin, and the children came together; the men of business and the mothers gave themselves, and in some cases whole families were one in coming to Christ. The first Sabbath in April thirty-eight united with the church. The work was thorough, free from excitement, and nearly seven-eights of those awakened have already professed Christ and are adorning that profession. Forty-one have joined the church. The influence upon the community is salutary; upon the church it is glorious. The meetings were union meetings; they were *wrestling* prayer-meetings; while the faithful preaching and conversation were not forgotten. The chapel and the church have been repaired.

Says the pastor at Jaffrey: "We have cause of hope and thankfulness for continued prosperity, and that some have come to Christ." The work here is slow, but the Gospel does its work when proclaimed, and, though at times indifference and delay may suggest that all is useless, yet the fruit comes at length. The taking root by the truth is like that process in the vegetable world, unseen, but this must precede the coming of fruit.

More than usual blessing has marked the year in Marlborough. At the union meetings during the Week of Prayer there was a growing solemnity, and on Sabbath evening between twenty and thirty rose for prayers. For eight weeks extra meetings were continued and the interest was unabated. Neighboring pastors also aided. The results are seen in renewed devotion and labor by Christians; reclaiming the indifferent; deciding those halting between two opinions, and awakening the careless. Probably forty have found Christ. Twenty-six have united with the church by profession, and ten by letter.

The sum of $5,000 has been raised by the people in Rindge to pay off the church debt. A quiet work of grace has been enjoyed, and twenty-five express hope. Meetings held in the out-districts in the afternoon, instead of a sermon, are doing great goood; and the taking the collection every Sabbath increases the contributions.

The church in Troy has had a like precious blessing. There are eight hundred inhabitants in the town, and fifty of these hope they have found Christ recently. Thirty-five have united with the church, nearly doubling its membership, and an eighth of the population has been anxious upon the subject of personal religion. The meetings have been by union with the Baptists, and their church is strengthened in like manner. Such a work will leave its influence upon this church and people for years to come, and the whole State may well thank God for it.

The house of worship in Walpole has been repaired at an expense of $6,400 and the contributions have been larger than in any preceding year. A quiet work of grace has also brightened the history of the church, eleven having been added to it. The progress has been real, and this church stands to-day on higher vantage ground than before, and may it be guided to use it well.

The church in Winchester has received twelve. It has been quickened, and felt the influence of the revival in Hinsdale, but the victory is not to be without greater cost of effort and prayer. There has been real gain in this County the year past, and how largely by these small churches.

Let me suggest just here as a theme for your careful thought, brethren, the influence of revivals in our weaker churches. Suggest it to some of these faithful, weary men who tire as they look for the dawn, and remind them, for encouragement, that "at evening time it shall be light." Suggest to all of us, that we may see the influence of such seasons upon the churches themselves, upon our State, upon the seed this State is sending out with which to sow the new land, and so upon the world. What of these voices of emphasis, brethren, upon the need, the wisdom, and the method of Home Missions in our beloved State?

Coos Conference reports ten churches; one with pastor; five with acting pastors; four vacant. Most of these churches are in the midst of discouragement, and a few faithful ones watch the lamp of the Lord's house with trembling. The church at Dalton has been weak for years, and was reckoned as about to die. But there has been an answer to the prayer and effort of a few faithful ones, and Rev. A. E. Hall has begun labor here.

The attendance upon the service has been greatly increased, as has that upon the Sabbath School. Many who have not been to the house of God for years come out, and this is now a field of promise. Lancaster has dismissed its pastor, and Rev. C. E. Harrington is now acting pastor. Littleton has the only pastor in the Conference. The interest of two years ago left good fruit here, and this church is growing in strength, while it aims to reach more savingly the whole people of the village. Seven thousand dollars have been expended in repairing the church, making it essentially a new house.

West Stewartstown was supplied last year by the Methodists. In June Rev. J. W. Starr, of the last class at New Haven Seminary, became acting pastor. This church is in the midst of an active and growing population. There is a strong desire for regular religious service and a pastor. Here, then, we may expect in years to come to see growth, and hope that before many years have passed a stable and self-supporting church will be reported.

Grafton Conference is composed of twenty-two churches; seven having pastors; eleven acting pastors, and four vacant. Very few of these churches report anything of special interest. Where there has been an interest it has been strong and deep.

The church edifice in Bath was burned February 1st, 1872. Discouraged and doubting, the people made little effort to rebuild for a year. At length necessity strengthened their faith, and they soon found success attending their efforts. They raised $6,000. Former residents, neighboring churches and the Congregational Union added $1,700 more. The church has been strengthened by the effort to rebuild, and the good Providence following at every step, has crowned the labor with success. A neat and convenient house has been completed and dedicated to the worship of God. The rent from the pews equals the salary of the pastor and incidental expenses. A vestry, at an expense of $400, will soon be completed. Danbury is again supplied. Rev. Geo. Smith entered upon service there in April. Rev. Mr. Hartshorne writes from Enfield: "We are in the midst of a religious interest—have had preaching every day for ten days, and shall continue the service a few days more. Thirty have sig-

nified a desire to be Christians; and some of these were strong in another faith, but now seem soundly converted in head and heart." A hall has been purchased, and the building will be remodeled, making a very pleasant and commodious house for worship. The people have liberally subscribed, and neighboring churches have aided in the funds. Rev. V. J. Hartshorne has felt obliged to leave this church with which he has labored faithfully, and acceptably. Mr. Thompson, a student from New Haven Seminary, has been supplying during his vacation.

The year past has been a memorable one in the church at Hanover Centre. Nearly all the year the Divine Spirit has wrought with power. Fifty have indulged hope and forty have united with the church. Where, one year ago, all seemed dead, now are seen the plain marks of life, growth, and prosperity. This little church will not soon forget some of the precious seasons that have attended this work, and we hope many of those who have entered the church will do great service for the Master. External prosperity has attended the spiritual. More money has been raised for the pastor then for many years before. The church and the parsonage have been improved, and money raised towards purchasing an organ. Haverhill has given its pastor for another service in the State and installed as his successor Rev. J. Q. A. Bittenger. Rev. C. A. Downs has closed a pastorate of twenty-four years at Lebanon, and Rev. W. H. Ayers takes his place. Hebron and Groton have united under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Cook. A church of twelve members was organized at Monroe, August 18th. Plymouth has been blessed by a quiet, steady, religious interest. Twenty have united with the church. The school and the village have felt the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Says the President: "The moral and religious tone of Dartmouth College has been healthful. While no marked revival, there have been several conversions. The influence of the Junior and Senior studies has been to remove skeptical leanings; and, while the College is not sectarian, the whole effect of the training is to confirm the faith of our students in our common and, blessed Christianity. How desirable such a influence is, in an age of abounding doubts and infidelity, I need not say. The

General Association will not cease, I trust, to encompass us with their sympathies and their prayers, both of which shall be as a shield and a joy to us."

Hillsborough Conference, the largest in the State by nearly two thousand church members, reports more than ordinary prosperity in its churches. There are thirty-three churches; eighteen with pastors; ten with acting pastors; and five vacant. The pastorates of this Conference average larger than in any other county. Eleven have extended over five, but less than ten, years; three more than ten, but less than fifteen, years; and one nearly sixteen, and another more than thirty. The marks of *external* prosperity are seen in almost all of these churches. A few are growing weaker, but the majority of them, by improvements in houses of worship, purchase of parsonages, and zeal in making the service of the Lord more efficient, give good evidence of growth in strength.

The following churches have repaired their houses of worship, viz: Amherst, at a cost of $2,400; Bennington, at a cost of $400; Francestown (also purchasing a fine organ), Greenfield, Hillsborough Centre, Peterborough, and Wilton. Peterborouuh increases the salary of the pastor and builds an attractive chapel. The church at Mason has purchased a parsonage. Nineteen churches in this county have parsonages. This Conference reports greater activity in the cause of *Temperance*. Almost every pastor speaks of preaching upon the subject, and many of the churches have temperance organizations connected with them, or their Sabbath Schools.

The churches have been, to a large degree, affected by the financial crisis, and the benevolent contributions have been less than in some other years. There are some churches here whose *system* and *education* in benevolence show grandly in seasons of panic. Most of those which have lost their pastors have been speedily supplied. Rev. Dr. Wallace has closed his pastorate of thirty-four years with the Hanover Street Church, Manchester, leaving a generation to be blessed by, and to witness of, his faithful, loving work. Rev. E. G. Selden has taken his place. Francestown has settled over its church Rev. H. F. Campbell.

The churches in Lyndeboro' and Mason have obtained supplies. New Boston and New Ipswich are vacant, as is Hollis, by the death of its pastor.

The attendance upon the Sabbath Schools has been increased, and the interest also. Several of the churches have given the school more time, changing the afternoon service to an evening hour. The pastor in Peterorough reports nearly the whole congregation as belonging to the Sunday School.

The church in Wilton celebrated its semi-centennial in September with discourse by the pastor and addresses by friends. The church in Amherst observed the centennial of the dedication of its meeting-house, January 18th and 19th, by suitable commemorative services. This is the one hundred and forty-third year of the church's existance, and the opening year of the second century in which the gospel has been preached in the old, but well-kept, sanctuary. All these are means and preparation for something better, which has not been forgotten the past year—the ingathering of souls.

The church in Amherst recognizes the good hand of God, in the quiet, healthful interest that has blessed it. Eleven have been added to the church; ten by profession, most of them adults and heads of families. The pastor at Antrim writes: "We have every way kept our ground and a little more." Bedford reports interest at the present time. Meetings have been held in the school houses in different parts of the town, and during the winter they often recalled the interest of ten years ago. The pastor's son was to have united with the church in May, but a short time before the Master called him to the better fellowship. Eight have united with the church in Brookline. The pastor in Francestown says that though no remarkable outpouring of the Spirit at any one time, there has been a good degree of interest, and fourteen have united with the church upon profession of faith, while many more are indulging a hope.

The visit of the delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association was the means of a quickening in Goffstown, and, being followed immediately by the Week of Prayer, the influence has continued since. Individuals have made decided growth in grace, but yet few new voices are heard in the place of prayer,

and the young do not come forward to take the place of the fathers. The year has been one of trial to the church in Greenfield, and death has removed more than in the four years before. Hillsborough Bridge reports twelve hopeful conversions, development of the latent power of the church, and a manifest interest in the support of the Gospel. The pastor of the church in Hollis resigned his pastorate in May, and, broken down by sickness and anxiety, after a long illness, died August 20th, at 40 years of age. The pastor in Litchfield says: "The chief difficulty is a spirit of self-sufficiency, a reliance upon personal goodness for salvation. The principle encouragements are, a harmony of feeling and action, an increased attendance upon the services, and a growing interest in religion."

Unusual seriousness has marked the congregation at Hanover Street Church, Manchester, for the past four months, resulting in about twenty conversions. "He that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Twenty-three have been received to the church by profession the past year, and fourteen by letter. Says the pastor of the Franklin Street Church, Manchester: "The year has been one in which we have been carrying out our previous plans. Most of the religious interest has been in connection with the Sabbath School, and especially in connection with the course of study on the Life of Christ. Several have united with the church in Milford.

The remarkable revival in Mont Vernon last year continued through the summer. As the result, the whole number received by the church the past year is fifty-five; forty-four by profession, and twenty-seven of them the first Sabbath in July. The majority of these are in middle life, most of them heads of families. Many children have been presented for baptism. Says the pastor: "Thus far, all who have joined the church during the year have appeared well, and given evidence of being an addition of spiritual strength and efficiency to the church. They promise to make good the places of the aged fathers and mothers who have passed away. A Young Men's Christian Association has been formed, prompting Christian work, and benefiting individuals. Neighborhood meetings are often crowded, Christian activity is encouraged, confidence strengthened in the diffident,

and all classes reached. These particulars give encouraging evidence that revivals of religion are not necessarily transient in their continuance, nor unfavorable to the permanent piety and prosperity of the church. They afford testimony, too, in favor of the occasional employment of judicious evangelists, in aid of the stated ministry, in circumstances obviously warranting it, and to the utility of the Young Men's Christian Association when employed as a means of promoting and developing the moral power and activity of the church generally." The Nashua pastors report a healthful spirit but no marked interest.

Last January the pastor in Peterborough begun to hold meetings in one of the out-districts, taking with him one or two brethren. Soon an interest was preceived, and, at the close of a meeting held during the canvass by the Young Men's Christian Association, eight rose for prayers. These and others, says the pastor, soon found the Savior. Extra meetings were held, and the people come from all parts of the town. More than forty of our congregation have asked for prayers, and perhaps thirty have expressed a hope in Christ. The work still goes on under the charge, mostly, of young men of the Christian Association here. The work has been progressive; the spirit of the meetings largely devotional. The atmosphere of the street changed, and the Spirit seemed to touch those hearts we least expected. Prominent business men have become active workers for Christ. We can say, "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The church in Wilton has been quickened, though few of the impenitent have come forward. The canvass by the delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association was also blessed here. Bennington, Deering, Hancock and New Boston speak of the loss by death and emigration, and feel the need of prayer that God will strengthen them.

Merrimack Conference reports twenty-five churches; eight with pastors, ten with acting pastors, seven vacant. Many of these, once strong, are now weak—some of them almost discouraged. A few are hopeful and try to strengthen the things that remain.

Rev. C. Curtice has left Boscawen, and for the last six months Rev. J. P. Smith has supplied them, who reports increase of attendance at the prayer-meetings by the young and impenitent. With the Week of Prayer a new life come to the church in Canterbury. Three meetings each week were held for a long time. Christians were revived, old hopes renewed and sinners brought to Christ. Two have united with the church, and many been added to the Sabbath School. The church in Chichester, having been for a generation without a settled pastor, had great joy February 24th, when Mr. Geo. A. Foss was ordained and settled over them. We are glad to see this token of hope and permanency in this ancient church. Is not this a way for growth and strength to many of our churches? Four have united with the church, and the attendance on the Sabbath has constantly increased, as has the Sabbath School. The church and parsonage have been repaired.

To the First Church, Concord, the year past has been an eventful one. Sunday morning, June 29, the flames took up the house wherein the fathers worshipped. The service has been continued in the City Hall—not as largely attended as at the church, but the congregation has kept united and constant. A new house has been commenced and the people are looking forward to the time when they shall have again a sanctuary. The regular contributions and work of the church have been continued, and it may be that, in the end, we shall see that positive spiritual good has come from this new call to give unto the Lord. Five have been added to the church. The Sabbath School has been greatly increased, and given more time by placing the afternoon service at six o'clock. Says the pastor of the South Church, Concord: "A few conversions have rejoiced our hearts during the year. The prayer-meetings have been sustained with unabated interest, using the subjects given in the *Congregationalist*. Fourteen have united with the church. The working force of the church is up to a fair standard, and none have lost the activity of a year ago, while in some cases it has increased." East Concord Church, in membership, remains the same as last year, though some cases of conversion are reported. The church in West Concord lost at the close of the year the

pastor who had served them for five years. May 6th, Rev. I. D. Adkinson was installed pastor, and the future is hopeful.

The church in Epsom has been unsupplied much of the year. At present Rev. I. Walker, of Pembroke, is preaching there. The church in Franklin has increased its benevolent contributions by adopting the envelope plan, otherwise it is quite as last year. The causes of temperance and education have been advanced. Rev. W. T. Savage, for twenty-five years pastor, has been dismissed. Rev. W. R. Jewett resigned the pastorate at Fisherville more than a year ago. His place has been filled by M. D. Bisbee, of the last class at Chicago Seminary. Since the last report Rev. S. S. Morrill has been dismissed from the church in Henniker, and Rev. G. H. Morse entered upon labor there. Thirteen have been added to the church. June 7th, the church commemorated its one hundred and fifth anniversary by an historical discourse. The church in Hooksett is supplied by the Methodists. Rev. J. E. B. Jewett supplies that in Loudon.

The pastor at Pembroke holds service on Sabbath afternoons in the outlying districts, with encouraging results. The faithful few are hoping, waiting, praying for the life-giving Spirit. Pittsfield is still without a pastor. The church in Salisbury, last November, reached its one hundredth year. It is feeble and weak. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Cook, has gone to supply Hebron and Groton. Death has weakened the church in Tilton and Northfield. The former pastor, Rev. C. Curtice, has returned, and joins his labor and prayer to that of the pastor for the growth of this church. Eight have been added to the church in Warner, and an unusual attention to religion is apparent. The pastor in Webster, the oldest in the State, writes that the signs are discouraging. A lack of prayerfulness, personal growth in grace, effort for the saving of souls, seems to pervade the church. The attendance on the services of the Sabbath is yet constant, while temperate and peaceful habits, and a sound morality characterizes the people.

Rockingham Conference. Whole number of churches, thirty-three; fourteen with pastors; fifteen with acting pastors; four vacant. Whole number of church members, 3,376—a gain of 144 members over last year. The total number admitted to

the churches during the year is 192; being 77 more than were received last year. The number of removals is 127. Total number in Sabbath Schools, 3,873—a gain of 51 over last year. Total amount of charitable collections, $6,371.40—an increase of $1,227.86 over last year. Three churches report no contributions. It will be seen that the churches of this county have made real progress both in membership and contributions, and are in a condition to do more active and aggressive service than in years before. The number of changes in the ministry has been unusually small. Rev. Joshua S. Gay has ceased to supply at Auburn, and Rev. Wm. A. Patten has removed from Deerfield to Raymond. Rev. E. D. Eldridge has resigned his charge at Kensington, and his resignation has been accepted, to take effect on the first of January next. Several of the acting pastors have been a long time in their places, and seem fully settled. The church at Nottingham consists of only four members, who do not contemplate having seperate worship. They meet with the Baptist church whose services are reported as well attended.

The church at North Hampton have renovated the interior of their house of worship at an expense of about $4,000 and rededicateded it July 2d. The first Congregational Church in Derry have expended over $3,000 in a similar way. The church in Candia have enlarged and improved their chapel at an expense of $500; and the church in Hampton have renovated and reseated theirs at a cost of about $200.

Special religious interest is reported in Epping, Exeter and Newmarket. In Epping, at the communion in September, a larger number was received by profession than had been at any one time during the previous history of the church, dating back to 1747; a period of 126 years. All ages were represented from fourteen years to eighty-six. One of the number was baptized in infancy eighty-six years ago by the pastor of the church at that time, the grandfather of the present minister. In Exeter the two Congregational churches have received about sixty members by profession. The work of grace there has been remarkably quiet and yet deep, and marked by great harmony between the pastors and churches. The good leaven worked among the students of the Academy before it was manifest in the community outside.

The religious interest in Newmarket begun early in the present year in connection with union meetings held by the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches. Meetings for prayer each afternoon and for preaching each evening were held for about three weeks, and the Lord crowned this union of His people with the manifestation of His favor. It is believed that the number of conversions in the town, as the result of this revival, is not less than two hundred and fifty.

Most of the churches report the formation of auxiliaries to the "Woman's Board of Missions"; and perhaps in other ways are making progress towards the day when women will more perfectly know what their proper work in the church is, and will do it.

Generally in all Christian hearts there seems to be a disposition earnestly and sincerely to ask the Master, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" and an increasing readiness to do whatsoever the Lord makes known to them.

Strafford Conference embraces three counties: Belknap, Carrol, and Strafford. It reports thirty-two churches; ten with pastors; nine with acting pastors, and thirteen vacant. In this Conference are five churches which are a little more than the name and numbers accredited to them in our statistics. One of these (Tuftonborough) had four members some years ago. Barnstead, Moultonborough, North Sandwich, and Gilmanton, East, are virtually merged with neighboring churches, or those of other orders on the ground. The Conference appointed a committee to look after these churches and if they are really merged should not be reported another year. The twenty-seven remaining, says the narrative for this Conference, may be divided as Mosheim divides the events of each century; into the "Prosperous," and the "Adverse." Judging from the additions made by profession and from revival intelligence, the more prosperous are Gilmanton Centre, Alton, Rochester, Farmington, and Dover, First Church. These have each received more then ten by profession. Laconia, Meredith, Ossipee Centre and Tamworth, also, report a good degree of interest. Rev. D. L. Gear has been called to the pastorate of the church at Alton. This church is showing an improved condition, both temporally and

spiritually. The church has been repaired, a bell and organ purchased, and a parsonage, built largely by the aid of other churches, will probably be ready for occupancy soon. Spiritually, this people have been blessed, Christians have been quickened and some souls converted. The pastor at Farmington has been unable to preach for nearly a year. Dr. Tobey has supplied much of the time. Fourteen have been added to the church, and a deep interest continued through the year. Says the pastor at Gilmanton Centre: "This church has more than held its own. Twelve have been added to it. During the winter there was a very pleasant and encouraging religious interest, commencing with the Week of Prayer. Union meetings were maintained for several weeks, and the number of conversions was large for a place of this size. Most of them were cihldren of the covenant, only three being baptized." Laconia reports prosperity. A deep, religious feeling pervades the community; evident, especially, in those outside the church. There is a field white for the harvest. At Lee one-fourth of the inhabitants in the town are in the Sabbath School, and five are ready to join the church. Meredith has grown in its church, Sabbath School and collections the past year. The church has become self-supporting, and, says the pastor, "Notwithstanding all we must deplore, I certainly think religion is the widest-awake thing there is here." At Milton Mills the little church is under a cloud. The pastor has left, debt weighs upon it, the house of worship is partly owned by another denomination, and the pulpit is vacant. The plea is for aid to buy the other share of the house and that this little flock may be remembered in our prayers. The former pastor of the church at Milton recently received eleven to that church and several more will soon join it. The church at Ossipee Centre is feeble, but has received four upon profession. There are several male members who do too little in support of the Gospel, and since last November there has been no preaching. Rev. S. H. Riddell supplied last summer.

The church in Rochester has received by profession sixteen, with four more propounded. Prayer-meetings are better attended than any year before. The church in Sanbornton, prosperous

in the external, with pecuniary obligations faithfully met, and services well attended, yet longs for spiritual life; while many ask why this failure to touch at once the life-giving power of God and the hearts of men. The prayer of the church in Wolfeborough has been answered, and a shepherd sent them, Rev. Robert B. Hall, in whom they are cordially united.

The additions to the churches in this Conference furnish a strong argument in favor of household consecration, which is so eminently appropriate and scriptural; but too generally neglected. Last year these churches reported a net loss of eighteen members; this year there is a net gain of sixty-three. Let us thank God and take courage. The aggregate of contributions has also increased $145.55 over the year previous, notwithstanding the financial panic. This is due to the increase in one of our large, strong churches, the First in Dover. The percentage of increase is largest at Meredith, where the amount of last year has been more than doubled. Ossipee Centre comes next; then Rochester, Farmington, and Tamworth.

Sullivan Conference sends a report from thirteen churches; three having pastors; seven acting pastors, and three vacant.

The church in Acworth installed their new pastor, Rev. James Marshall, June 9th. They report a quiet religious interest with an increased attendance upon the services and the Sabbath School. Charlestown has now a pastor, Rev. G. W. Kinne. In the community there is a determined purpose to build up the church, and many who have seldom been in the place of worship find their way to the services of the Sabbath. Things look hopeful in the field so long full of discouragements; and let the prayer be that the faith of the church may be strengthened and the labor of the ministry greatly blessed to this people. Cornish has been greatly blessed by the labors of James Jackson, a licentiate, who last Spring begun earnest work in that place. There have been added to the church twenty; while nearly as many more are indulging a hope in Christ.

Union meeting were held in Claremont and were useful. Fifteen have been hopefully converted. The salary of the pastor has been increased, and a new bell put in the tower of the house of worship. No service is held at Croydon; and this is one of the churches "nigh unto death." In Goshen there is union ser-

vice with the Baptist. There has been more than usual interest here, and forty-five cases of conversions. The Union Sabbath School is large and interesting. Langdon and Alstead unite under the ministry of Rev. G. F. Chapin. Lempster is afflicted in the removal of important members; yet those who remain are not discouraged. The church edifice has been repaired and a new organ purchased.

Newport is encouraged by a general interest in religion and several conversions. The pastor, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, has been dismissed and gone to a neighboring State, and Rev. E. E. P. Abbott was at once called to be acting pastor. The spirit of error and indifference at Washington demand unusual fidelity in that church. Five have united with the church the past year, and $500 have been expended in repairs upon the house of worship. Meriden has been greatly blessed by a revival. Many of the students in the Academy were deeply interested, and not a few converted. Two hundred dollars have been expended upon the church.

SUMMARY.

Churches. The number of churches reported, 194, is the same as last year. A church of twelve members was organized at Monroe August 18th; the report of which will appear next year. Several of our churches have been so merged with other organizations that there seems little justice in reporting them. This should be considered by the different Conferences at their meetings next year.

Ministers. The number of ministers is the same as last year; as is that of pastors. During the year twelve pastors have been installed, six with ordination, and nine dismissed. Only one pastor has died,—Rev. James Laird—but death has taken six from the ministry of the State. Some of these who have been dismissed or died, were men of long and useful labor here, and from their ministries many are now in the pastoral office. There are seven more acting pastors than there were last year, and eight less ministers are reported without charge.

Seventy-five churches have acting pastors; forty-nine are vacant; fifty ministers are without charge, one-half these are disabled from active service.

Additions. The number of additions reported is larger than usual; 1,069—743 by profession, and 326 by letter. This is larger than last year in the total by 232; 208 were by profession and 24 were by letter. The removals number 760. There has been a real gain of 309 members, making the gain of this year 290 more than that of last year. Nearly half the additions have been in fifteen churches. The largest at Mont Vernon, where a church numbering 133 has received 55—nearly 70 per cent. on the membership of last year. Six churches have received 239; making 43 per cent. on their membership one year ago. The largest, following in order, are Hinsdale, 41; Hanover Centre, 40; Manchester 1st, 37; Marlborough, 36; Newmarket, 35; Troy and Exeter 1st, 32. Fifteen churches have received more than 20 each. The baptisms were, adult, 482; infant, 189.

Sabbath School. There are reported in the Sabbath Schools 23,431 members—a gain of 266 over last year.

Contributions. The whole amount reported is $41,189.18. This is a gain over the preceding year of $484.21. Coos Conference is reported the same. Merrimack loses, while each of the others gains—Cheshire nearly $800, and Rockingham more than $1,200. Nine churches report each more than $1,000. The Franklin Street, Manchester, the largest sum, and the 1st Nashua is next.

The result of this yearly review is, in many respects, encouraging. There has been an external prosperity in many of our churches greater than in years before, and the spiritual strength has been greatly increased in some. The improvements upon the houses of worship is noticeable; and does it not indicate that these churches are seeking to impress the thought that they are not to give up, but intend to keep the lamp of the Lord burning? Who will tell the spiritual increase from the more than a thousand who have joined our churches? What is the type of the piety they will manifest? Who is to determine it? If these come as recruits of earnest, faithful Christians the whole State will feel their power. If New-Hampshire is still to be the seed-bed for other States, some of the seed must drop on the old soil. Let these churches so fully

blessed, and all the others as well, seek to secure in the communities where they are, the greatest possible good. It is too evident, from our review, that most of our churches still fail to secure those results which the institutions of the Gospel are designed and fitted to secure. Certain facts are evident and admitted; but the reason of them, and, in some cases the remedy, is less clearly seen. There are obstacles, great and real, in the work in this State. Some are real and immovable; these should be apprehended, that our expectancy may correspond with the coming reality. Others are real and movable; these should be apprehended, that we may intelligently and successfully apply the means for their removal. Of the immovable, are weakness, emigration and death. These we cannot remove. We should not, therefore, be discouraged if they abide with us. Of the movable, are apathy, division and false methods. These we can, and should remove. A bare complaint, or an endless murmur, never removes an obstacle; an intelligent purpose, a steady faith, and a practical application of the means we have, seldom leave it where we find it.

The churches most prosperous spiritually have, many of them, had long seasons of sowing before the harvest. The Week of Prayer, the union of Christians in spirit and labor, the work of the Young Men's Christian Association—all these are recorded as greatly blessed of God.

The "Woman's Board of Missions" has greatly increased its Auxiliaries in our State the past year; and is doing a work which needs only to be understood, to secure the co-operation and prayer of every Christian woman in the State.

The year coming, may there be a closer union of all our hearts with God; more sympathy and personal contact in labor with each other; more devotion to prayer and effort, and a more intelligent use of methods, both new and old, that every weak church in this State may know the strength from a revival upon the weak places, and every strong church may feel the blessing of fresh anointing. May all of us, while we think of the Master's body, hear, like Mary Magdalene of old, the voice of the living Lord beside us.

F. D. Ayer, *Secretary.*

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MINISTERS DECEASED. 1873–4.

PREPARED BY REV. H. A. HAZEN.

WALTER FOLLETT. Born in Worcester, Mass., 7 Jan., 1799; graduated at Middlebury College, 1825; Andover, 1829. Secretary American Tract Society, Boston, 1829–31. Ordained pastor, Southborough, Mass., 17 October, 1832; installed at Dudley, Mass., 2 October, 1837; dismissed 1841. Installed at Temple, 25 July, 1844; dismissed 25 April, 1855. Lived there, without charge, until Oct., 1870. Died in Hannibal, Mo., at the residence of his son-in-law, Geo. A. Collins, 21 February, 1874, aged 75.

MOSES GEROULD. Born in Stoddard, 5 May, 1801. Son of Samuel and Azubah Thompson Gerould, and great-grandson of James McD., a Huguenot refugee. Did not receive a College education. Studied theology with Rev. Seth S. Arnold, of Alstead. Ordained pastor at New Alstead, 22 May, 1828; dismissed 2 July, 1844, and installed at Hinsdale, 30 October, 1844; dismissed 1853. Acting Pastor at Canaan, 1853–63. Lived at Stoddard and supplied the church there during the absence of his son, the pastor, on chaplain service in the Army of the Potomac. Acting pastor at Langdon, 1866–70. Without charge at Concord until his death, 21 June, 1874, aged 73. Preacher and Moderator at the Meeting of the General Association in Pittsfield, 1853.

ISAAC FARWELL HOLTON. Born in Westminster, Vt., 30 Aug., 1812. Son of William and Olive (Rockwood) Holton. Graduated at Amherst College, 1836, and at Union Theological Seminary, 1839. Teacher, New York City, 1839–45. From

1848 to 1852, Professor New York College of Pharmacy. In 1852, went to South America on a botanical expedition, and remained two years. Professor in Middlebury College, 1855. Was acting pastor at Meredith, 1856; Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, Ill., 1858–61. Ordained 1 May, 1860. Acting pastor at Alden, Ill., 1861–2; and at Hill's Grove, Ill., 1862–4. In literary pursuits and editing in Boston, Mass., in 1865, residing in the vicinity until his death at Everett, Mass., 25 Jan., 1874, aged 61.

Elias Cornelius Hooker. Born in Bennington, Vt., 9 July, 1832. Son of Rev. Dr. Edward William and Faith S. (Huntington) Hooker. Graduated at William's College, 1857; Princeton Seminary, 1859. Ordained pastor North Congregational Church, Newburyport, Mass., 11 Dec., 1860. Installed, Nashua, First Church, 14 Sept., 1865; dismissed 13 Aug., 1868. Installed at Stockbridge, Mass., 16 June, 1870; and died there, 5 Dec., 1873, aged 41.

Abraham Jackson. Born in Plymouth, Mass. about 1790. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1820. Ordained Colleague pastor, at Machias, Maine, 3 Oct., 1821; dismissed June, 1834. Installed Kingtson, Mass., 12 Nov., 1834; dismissed 1837 (?). Acting pastor for a time at Quechee, Vt. Installed at Walpole, 10 Jan., 1838; dismissed Jan. 6, 1845. Acting pastor at East Machias, Me., 1847–8. Died 1874, aged about 84.

Isaac Jones. Born in Hopkinton, Mass., 11 August, 1782. Graduated at William's College, 1810. Studied Theology with Rev. Dr. Austin, of Worcester, Mass. Ordained pastor, Candia, 7 Feb., 1816; dismissed 12 May, 1818. Acting pastor and Home Missionary in Topsham, Belfast, Limington, Newfield and Parsonsfield, in Maine; Manchester, Vt.; Plaistow, Nashua, Bradford, Wilton, Kingston and Durham, N. H.; Salisbury, Sharon, Lynnfield, Newburyport, Danvers, Billerica (2 years),

Andover, Reading, South Wellfleet, Methuen and Carlisle, Mass., and Sinneton, R. I. (1838–41). In 1842 he purchased a small farm in Derry, where he lived till death, 4 Nov., 1873, aged 91.

JOHN KEEP. Born in Monson, Mass., 23 May, 1809. Graduated at Amherst College, 1829; Andover, 1835. Ordained pastor, Pelham, 30 Oct., 1835, succeeding the Rev. Dr. John H. Church, long the Secretary of the General Association; dismissed 13 Oct., 1841. Pastor, Dana, Mass., 1844–61. Acting pastor at Bristol, Wis., 1861–8; Sheboggan Falls, 1868–70; Stockbridge, Wis., 1870 until his death, 24 April, 1874, aged 64.

JAMES LAIRD. Born in Huntington, Canada, 4 Sept., 1833. Son of John and Margaret (Lunan) Laird, natives of Scotland. Graduated at Oberlin, 1861, and at Andover, 1864. Ordained pastor at Guildhall, Vt., 15 March, 1866, and dismissed 18 Apr., 1870. Installed at Hollis, 25 May, 1870, and died in office, 20 August, 1874, aged 40.

GILES LYMAN. Born in Belchartown, Mass., 16 March, 1802. Son of Giles and Mary (Hubbard) Lyman. Graduated at Amherst College, 1837, and Andover, 1831. Ordained pastor at Jaffrey, colleague of Rev. Laban Ainsworth, 11 Jan., 1832; dismissed 3 May, 1837. Acting pastor at Fowlerville, N. Y., 1837–8; at Ashburham, Mass., 1838–9, and at Gardner, Mass., 1839-40. Acting pastor at Marlborough from 1840 to 1869. Without charge, residing at Marlborough, until 1870, and at Winchester, Mass., until his death there, 16 Nov., 1872, aged 70.

SAMUEL HILL MERRILL. Born in Buxton, Maine, 12 May, 1805. Did not receive a College education. Studied theology with Rev. J. Cummings, of Stratham. Ordained pastor at

Barrington, 23 Feb., 1831; dismissed 18 August, 1835. He had gone West in 1834, and graduated at Lane Seminary in 1835. Acting pastor at Centre Harbor, 1838–40; Amesbury, Mass., 1840–45; Oldtown, Maine, 1846; installed there, 5 Jan., 1848; dismissed 9 July, 1854. Acting pastor, Bluehill, 1854–5; Portland, Bethel church, Feb. 1856 to Feb. 1864. Chaplain in the Army from Feb. 1864. Agent American Bible Society in Portland, 1866–69. Acting pastor, Scarboro', Maine, from Aug 1871 till death, 18 Sept., 1873, aged 68.

Caleb Fessenden Page. Born in Fryeburg, Maine, 15 Feb., 1798. Graduated at Bowdoin College, 1820. Studied Theology with Rev. David Thurston. Ordained pastor at Limington, Maine, 5 Nov., 1823; dismissed 24 Sept., 1833. Installed at Bridgton, Maine, 23 Oct., 1833, and dismissed 26 Mar., 1850. Installed at Granby, Conn., Oct., 1850, and dismissed March, 1854. Acting pastor at Granville, Mass., colleague of Dr. Cooley, 1855–7; at Tolland, Mass., 1858 to 1862; Colebrook, 1863 to 1866, and at Milton Mills, 1866 to 1870. Without charge, there, until his death, 6 Dec., 1873, aged 75.

James Woodbury Perkins. Born in Mont Vernon, 17 April, 1798. Son of Joseph and Hannah (Woodbury) Perkins. Studied medicine with Dr. Daniel Adams, and practiced this profession 10 years. Then studied theology with Rev. E. P. Bradford, of New Boston, and received evangelist ordination, 8 Oct., 1833. Was acting pastor at New Hampton, 1833 to 1839, and at Bristol one year. Installed at Warner, 4 March, 1840, and dismissed 30 Jan., 1846. Acting pastor at Hookset 8 months, and installed at New Alstead, 26 Oct., 1847; dismissed 16 June, 1852. After two years of medical practice at Mont Vernon he was acting pastor, Deering, 1854–57. Then removed to Wisconsin, gathered a church in New Chester, and continued its acting pastor, and in missionary labors in the vicinity, until his death, 31 March, 1874, aged 75.

Rufus Austin Putnam. Born in Sutton, Mass., 18 Nov., 1791. Son of Reuben and Elisabeth (Mason) Putnam. Graduated at Harvard College, 1822. Ordained pastor at Fitchburg, Mass., 4 Feb., 1824; dismissed 1 May, 1831. Installed at Chichester, 29 August, 1832; dismissed 11 July, 1843. Installed at Epsom, 5 May, 1846; dismissed 3 May, 1852. Acting pastor there 1853 to 1854. Without charge at Pembroke until his death, 14 Nov., 1873, aged 82 years, less 4 days.

Jacob Scales. Born in Freeport, Maine, 7 March, 1788. Son of Samuel and Sarah (Moulton) Scales. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1817, and Andover, 1820. Ordained pastor in Colchester, Ct., 27 Dec., 1820; dismissed 1 June, 1826. Installed at Henniker, 17 Jan., 1827; dismissed 1 March 1839. Installed at Cornwall, Vt., 3 July, 1839; dismissed 16 June, 1842. Acting pastor, Plainfield, Oct., 1842 to June, 1861. Without charge in Plainfield until death, 16 Oct., 1873, aged 85.

Nathan Webb Sheldon. Born in Woolwich, Maine, 19 Oct., 1792. Son of William and Sarah (Webb) Sheldon. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1822. Ordained pastor at Brownville, Maine, 2 June, 1824; dismissed 2 March, 1833. Installed at Rumford, Maine, colleague of Rev. D. Gould, 23 Jan., 1834; dismissed 1837. Installed, Gray, Maine, 22 Jan., 1838; dismissed 25 Oct., 1844. Acting pastor in several churches in Maine. In Stoddard, 1858–9, and in Dublin, 1860. Removed to Natick, Mass., 1870, and without charge there till death, 26 Nov., 1873, aged 81.

John Smith. Born in Weathersfield, Ct., 2 Sept., 1796. Graduated at Yale College, 1821. Studied at Princeton, 1821–2, and Andover, 1823–4. Ordained pastor at Trenton, N. J., 8 March, 1826. Installed at Exeter, 1st Church, 15 Mar., 1829;

dismissed 14 Feb., 1838. Installed, Wilton, Ct., 20 Feb., dismissed June, 1848. Installed, Kingston, 26 July, dismissed 28 Sept., 1850. Installed, York, Maine, 1st Cl 9 Oct., 1850; dismissed 20 Mar., 1855. Acting pastor at Ridge and Stamford, Ct., 1855–8. Without charge at Sta till death, 20 Feb., 1874, aged 77.

Tertius Dunning Southworth. Born in Rome, N. Y., Entered, but did not graduate, at Hamilton College; grad at Andover in 1826. Acting pastor at Paris, N. Y., 182 Ordained 7 Oct., 1832. Installed at Claremont, 17 June, dismissed 19 July, 1838. Installed at Franklin, Mass., 23 1839; dismissed 1850. Without pastoral charge till Acting pastor at Pleasant Ridge, Wis., 1859–64. Di Bridgewater, N. Y., 2 Aug., 1874, aged 72.

Alvan Tobey, d. d. Born in Wilmington, Vt., 1 April, Son of Rev. Alvan Tobey. His father was born in Be Mass., 1778; graduated at Brown University, 1799; ord at Wilmington, Vt., Sept., 1803, and died 18 Oct., 1810. son graduated at Amherst in 1828; at Andover, 1831. O ed pastor at Durham, 2 Nov., 1833; dismissed 20 Dec., Soon removed to South Berwick, Me. Without charge supplying, temporarily, churches in vicinity till death, 21 1874, Aged 66. Dr. Tobey was Scribe of the General ciation in 1845, at Portsmouth; moderator in 1851, at Ac Trustee of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society from Chosen corporate member of the American Board of Co sioners for Foreign Missions, in 1862, and a member National Council in 1865. Received the Honorary Deg D. D. from Dartmouth in 1867.

MILTON WARD. Born in Plymouth. 1807. Son of Benjamin and Mary (Bartlett) Ward. Graduated at Dartmouth 1825; took medical degree there in 1829, and practiced at Windham. Studied theology with Rev. C. Cutter, of that town. Ordained pastor at Hillsboro', 23 July, 1834; dismissed 10 Nov. 1835. Took orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has been missionary in various places; Lynn, Mass., 1836, Trenton, Michigan, &c. Was living at Detroit in 1870, and his death is reported, 1874, aged 67.

HENRY WOOD. Born in Loudon, 10 April, 1796. Son of Eliphalet and Elizabeth (Tilton) Wood. Graduated at Dartmouth. 1822. Tutor there one year. Studied at Princeton, 1823–4, and Professor of Latin and Greek in Hampden Sidney College, Va., 1825. Ordained pastor at Goffstown, 31 May, 1826; dismissed 30 Nov., 1831. Installed at Haverhill, 14 Dec., 1831; dismissed 3 March, 1835. Installed at Hanover, 8 March 1835; dismissed 21 Dec., 1840. Editor of Congregational Journal at Concord, 1841–54; and acting pastor at Canaan, 1851–3. U. S. Consul, Syria and Palestine, 1854–7. Chaplain in U. S. Navy from 1858 until death at Philadelphia, 9 Oct., 1873, aged 77.

WORTHINGTON WRIGHT. Born June 16, 1785, in Windsor. Mass. Graduated at William's College, 1806. Studied at Andover one year in the class of 1810. Ordained pastor at Woodbury, Ct., 30 Jan., 1811; dismissed 1812. Home Missionary in Penn., 1812–15. On account of trouble with his eyes, he left the ministry for a time, studied medicine, attended lectures in New York City, and practiced that profession fourteen years; the last part of the time in Rochester, N. Y. In 1830 he resumed ministerial labor, and preached six years in Milton. Saratoga County, and Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y. Installed at Woodstock, Vt., 14 Feb., 1838; dismissed 1850. Install-

ed at Charlestown, 16 March, 1852; dismissed 23 Oct. Without charge at Acworth, N. H., and Fredonia, N. Y. in Buffalo, N. Y., 28 Nov. 1873, aged 88.

These twenty-one deceased ministers reached the rem average age of 72 years, 4 months; and only six of the were less than 70; seven were from 70 to 80: five from 8 and one, Jones, was 91. Only Hooker and Laird were le 60, and they, only, died while in pastoral service; and of the twenty-one were without charge.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' ITABLE FUND.

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Ministe Widows' Charitable Fund was held in Concord, June 3

The Treasurer made his reports, which were adopted following persons were chosen as officers for the ensuing

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, *President.*
Rev. W. R. Jewett, Fisherville, *Secretary.*
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., Concord, *Treasurer.*
Asa McFarland, Esq., } *Auditors.*
L. D. Stevens, Esq., }
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., }
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, } *Prudential Committee.*
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., }

TRUSTEES BESIDES THE ABOVE.

Rev. Edward Buxton, *Webster.*
Hon. J. E. Sargent, *Concord.*
Rev. F. D. Ayer, *Concord.*
Rev. W. J. Tucker, *Manchester.*
Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., *Hopkinton.*
Hon. John W. Noyes, *Chester.*
Rev. Howard Moody, *Andover.*
Dea. Almon Harris, *Fisherville.*

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee. held immediately after the annual meeting of the Trustees, appropriations were made to the amount of $180 to three aged clergymen, and $200 to eight widows in indigent circumstances. The following donations and legacies have been received from June 1st, 1873, to June 1st, 1874.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Congregational Church, Gilsum,	$5.50
Mrs. E. F. Bridge,	1.00
Ladies of Exeter,	24.00
Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Gilsum,	2.00
	$32.50

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Congregational Church, Henniker,	$31.00
Members of Piscataqua Association,	4.00
Contribution at General Association,	72.00
Rev. C. M. Palmer,	1.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mehitable Noyes,	25.00
Congregational Church, Tilton,	6.00
" " Epping,	6.00
" " Rochester,	40.00
" " and Society, Kingston,	12.25
Rev. J. Chapman,	2.75
Hanover Street, Manchester,	30.00
First Church, Concord,	20.18
South Church, Concord,	49.90
Church in Winchester,	4.90
Church and Society, North Hampton,	12.50
" " " Goffstown,	19.00
" " " Stratham,	6.00
" " " Hopkinton,	8.50
" " " Sanbornton,	8.00
" " " Gilmanton,	3.25
" " " Littleton,	8.00
Pres. Sabbath School, Antrim,	5.00
Rev. A. Tobey, D. D.,	1.00
	$376.23

MEMORIAL MEMBERS.

Bangor, Maine—Mrs. Mehitable S. Coe,	$1
Waltham, Mass.—Mrs. Rebecca Jewett,	1
Newton, Mass.—Miss Elizabeth C. Jewett,	1
South Newmarket—Mrs. Joseph Bartlett,	1
Rev. C. Marsh.	1
North Hampton—Rev. Jonathan French, D. D.,	1
Concord—Mrs. N. S. Batchelder,	1
Rev. John Todd, D. D.,	1
Concord—Mrs. Fannie Runnels,	1
	$9

The members of the Association will notice that the contr tions of the last year, to our object, have fallen much below t of the year previous. Only seventeen of the one hundred ninety-two churches connected with our Body, have seen f comply with the recommendation of the General Associa by transmitting donations to our Fund. From most of strongest and wealthiest churches in the State we have received a single dollar during the past year. At a meeti the General Association, held in Milford, it was voted tha endeavor to raise, during the coming year, ten thousand do for the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund. This w noble resolution, but unfortunately it was never executed. some good did result from the agitation of the question. has not the time come for an energetic effort to increase Fund, and is not this the place for the question to be discus Have not all the ministers in our State an interest in this ma Very few of the pastors in the State receive such comp salaries that they can make provision for the wants of families after their decease. "It is a fact that the widows children of deceased clergymen are often left without the pe iary means of comfortable subsistence, and this subjects to a very painful and discouraging situation."

Many of our societies must pay small salaries or be desti If any good men are willing to labor for an inadequate pensation, should not they be relieved from all apprehen that if they are taken away in the midst of their labors

widows and children should be left to the charities of a cold world. Has not the time come for a generous enlargement of our fund? Is not the place in which we are now assembled a fitting one for the idea to be realized? This sacred charity has always had a place in the hearts and prayers of the ladies of Exeter. More than thirty years since, a lady in Exeter, now deceased, wrote thus to our President: "Plead for the widows. In obediance to this command, I have made another effort to obtain something for the comfort of this respected and esteemed class in our community. I am happy to say that among the few thousand dollars that it has been my privilege to collect for various pious and charitable objects, I can recollect none that was ever contributed more readily and cheerfully than this."

With an increasing sense of the importance of our society, and of the opportune help which it can furnish those who need its assistance, we ask for it, this coming year, a greater degree of favor from the churches, and the blessing of Almighty God.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Fund,

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

FISHERVILLE, Sept., 1874.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BR
OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

ABSTRACT OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The National Society has received, during its last fi
year, including its income from permanent funds, somewl
than twenty-eight thousand dollars. This sum was ex
on three hundred and seventy-eight young men; or nearl
as many as at the end of the war. More are aided i
mouth College than in any other college, with one exc
During the year, the union of the American Education
and the Society for the Promotion of College and The
Education, recommended by the National Council of 18
been consummated; the two are now one, under the
the "American College and Education Society." The
the Society, then, is two-fold; and the report proceeds
the necessity of broad and far-seeing union among the
of Christ. While our main reliance must be the holy li
Christian fidelity of God's people generally, we must
also on the labors and learning of a comparative few,
must do what we can to ensure these, or shall find ver
cause for regret. Things will not take care of themsel
will the mighty power of God dispense with human wis
forethought.

The Society was addressed by Rev. Dr. Tarbox, Secre
the National Society, Rev. Mr. Selden, of Manchester, a
ident Smith.

In view of the change adverted to in the Report, it wa
ed that the officers of last year should be a Committee in
of the society's affairs for the ensuing year; and its
President and two senior Directors be requested to repor
next meeting of the General Association, the proper c
be pursued in the present circumstances.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with H. A. HAZEN, *Treasurer.*

	Cr.
By balance on hand,	$253.50
From Coos Conference, 1872-3,	11.00
	$264.50

	Dr.	
Paid R. W. Musgrove, printing Minutes,	$204.50	
" " " for distributing,	17.19	
For stationery, and postage,	4.61	
Congregationalist,	3.20	
Balance in Treasury,	35.00	
		$264.50

General Association of New-Hampshire, in account with F. D. AYER, *Treasurer.*

	Cr.
By cash from H. A. Hazen, balance as above,	$35.00
From Cheshire Conference,	35.00
From Coos Conference,	8.00
From Grafton Conference,	33.00
From Hillsboro' Conference,	80.00
From Merrimack Conference,	44.00
From Rockingham Conference,	50.00
From Strafford Conference,	35.00
From Sullivan Conference,	15.00
	$335.00

	Dr.	
To cash paid R. W. Musgrove, for blanks,	$1.25	
Cash paid for stationery, postage and express,	5.96	
Balance now in Treasury,	327.79	
		$335.00

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. F. D. Ayer, Treasurer, and find the same correct, and that there is a balance of three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents, Sept. 17, 1874.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS MAY 31.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	1777	G. B. Richardson.	June 30,1857	A. P. 1874	9	22	31	17	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50	$25.13
" New (2d),	Nov. 20,1788	G. B. Richardson,	June 30,1857	A. P. 1874	32	55	87	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	25.00
" (3d),	Aug. 3, 1842	Geo. F. Chapin,	Apr. 1866	A. P. 1873	6	19	25	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	80	25.00
Chesterfield,	1771				3	8	11	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	0.00
Dublin, Trin. Cong.,	July 10, 1772				5	9	14	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	12	21.37
Fitzwilliam,	Mar. 27.1771	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	A. P. 1873	36	93	129	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	175	236 66
Gilsum,	Oct. 27, 1772	Horace Wood.	June 10,1839	A. P. 1866	10	29	39	8	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	99	150.45
Harrisville,	Sept. 22,1840	Amos Holbrook,	May 9, 1866	A. P. 1871	12	44	56	14	11	0	11	1	3	0	4	7	0	145	113.54
Hinsdale,	1763	C. C. Watson,	July 2, 1867	Dec. 13, 1871	44	126	170	18	39	2	41	1	6	0	7	32	0	232	200.00
Jaffrey,	May 13, 1780	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	Jan. 1, 1867	33	63	96	26	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	128	136.50
" East,	Jan. 9. 1850				13	32	45	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	70	35.00
Keene (1st),	Oct. 18, 1738	Cyrus Richardson,	Sept. 30,1869	July 10, 1873	67	202	269	37	4	6	10	3	3	0	6	3	4	400	1526.10
" (2d).	Oct. 15, 1867	Joseph A. Leach.	Feb. 23, 1864	Sept. 16,1869	93	187	280	25	8	6	14	4	5	1	10	8	7	321	1137.00
Marlborough,	Nov. 11,1788	John L. Merrill,	Oct. 27, 1860	May 2, 1871	57	119	176	23	26	10	36	3	15	0	18	17	3	218	216.06
Nelson,	Jan. 31, 1781	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	A. P. 1872	33	52	85	30	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	0	2	100	56.00
Rindge,	Nov. 6, 1765	Frank G. Clark,	Sept. 2, 1869	June 3, 1873	57	122	179	19	16	6	22	5	0	0	5	6	3	249	271.87
Roxbury,	Aug. 15,1816				2	10	12	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	42	0.00
Stoddard,	Sept. 4, 1787	H. H. Colburn,	May 19, 1869	A. P. 1873	6	26	32	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	35	0.00
Sullivan,	Oct. 17. 1791	Samuel S. Drake,	Oct. 15, 1834	A. P. 1873	33	52	85	16	15	3	18	3	1	0	4	7	1	75	51.96
Surry,	June 12,1764				1	9	10	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	20	0.00
Swanzey,	Nov. 4. 1741	E. Irvin Carpenter	Dec. 13, 1842	A. P. 1874	25	40	65	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	108	23.22
Troy,	Sept. 4, 1815	Levi Brigham,	Mar. 15,1837	May 5, 1870	30	63	93	9	30	2	32	2	1	0	3	16	4	164	381.77
Walpole,	1761	W. E. Dickinson,	Dec. 1, 1869	June 2, 1870	25	70	95	15	10	1	11	1	4	0	5	4	0	287	262.17
Westmoreland,	Sept. 26,1764				17	46	63	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		
" Evang.,	Feb. 9, 1853				3	17	20	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	115	32.00
Winchester,	Nov. 21,1736	Elijah Harmon,	Oct. 17, 1867	Oct. 17, 1867	56	121	177	31	7	5	12	7	3	0	10	6	3	164	258.97
					708	1636	2344	408	167	45	212	47	60	1	108	106	33	3393	$5,241.77

2. COOS [AND ESSEX, VT.] CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.				Removal.			Bap'tms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Oct. 15, 1802				5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$0.00
Chatham,	Oct. 22, 1801				19	28	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Colebrook,	Dec. 4, 1802	L. W. Harris,	Nov. 2, 1842	A. P. 1873	28	49	77	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	10.00
Dalton,	Apr. 28, 1816	A. E. Hall,		A. P. 1874	7	24	31	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0.00
Franconia,	Apr. 4, 1814				4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	2.00
Gorham,	Mar. 18,1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	Jan. 31. 1838	A. P.	6	33	39	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	65	38.00
Lancaster,	Mar. 1784	C. E. Harrington,	*		35	105	140	23	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	2	2	175	171.00
Littleton,	Mar. 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept.29,1860	Sept. 29,1860	48	125	173	27	12	2	14	3	0	0	3	7	0	165	302.50
Shelburne,	Aug. 26,1818				1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	J. W. Starr,		A. P. 1874	4	23	27	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	5.40
					137	368	556	90	16	2	18	6	1	0	7	9	5	740	$528.90

Churches, 10; Pastors, 1; Acting Pastors, 5; Vacant, 4;

These churches are connected with those of Essex County, Vt., in Conferences. Chatham, Gorham and Shelburne join with churches in Maine. Annual meeting is Second Tuesday in June, 1874, at West Stewartstown.

*About to be Ordained.

A. E. HALL, *Statistical Secretary.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches. Place and Name.	Organized.	Ministers. Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874. Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Admissions. Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Removals. Di.	Dis.	Ex	Tot.	Bap'tms. Ad.	Inf.	Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Bath	July 31, 1844	Ed. Cleaveland,	Sept. 11, 1837	A. P. 1872	23	35	88	19	1	0	1	0	7	0	7	0	0	110	$0.00
Bridgewater,	Nov. 4, 1790				1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Silas Ketchum.	Sept. 17, 1867	A. P. 1866	52	72	124	33	2	2	4	3	1	0	4	1	0	140	163.11
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	29	59	88	17	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	146	423.96
Canaan,	1803				1	16	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	A. P. 1874	24	36	60	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	60	7.25
Dorchester,	May 28, 1828	Unite with F. W. B.			3	5	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	A. H. Thompson,	Student	A. P. 1874	9	32	41	6	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	57	12.00
Groton,	Nov. 9, 1803	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	A. P. 1874	8	12	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30.00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2, 1805	S. P. Leeds, D. D.	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	106	139	245	113	2	4	6	5	5	0	10	1	4	175	871.41
" Center,	May 16, 1810	Dan. McClenning,	Mar. 28, 1852	A. P. 1873	38	71	109	29	36	4	40	1	4	0	5	20	6	90	29.00
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	J. Q. Bittinger,	Oct. 25, 1860	July 2, 1874	53	111	164	40	1	1	2	5	1	0	6	1	1	126	242.29
Hebron,	June 12, 1779	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	A. P. 1874	3	10	13	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	57	0.00
Lebanon, West,	June 24, 1772	W. H. Ayers,	July 16, 1872	July 7, 1874	51	110	161	15	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	4	0	125	100.00
"	Nov. 8, 1849	A. B. Rich, D. D.	Feb. 8, 1846	May 17, 1871	54	108	162	33	1	9	10	2	1	0	3	2	1	239	230.15
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	E. P. Butler,	Never	A. P. 1873	100	160	260	65	0	0	0	8	10	0	18	0	1	200	400.63
Orfordville,	Aug. 17, 1770	N. F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867	A. P. 1869	40	60	100	24	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0	100	130.57
Orford, West,	Apr. 30, 1822	F. B. Knowlton,	Aug. 29, 1865	A. P. 1871	27	60	87	28	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	96	178.60
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	38	63	101	41	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	1	82	65.00
Plymouth,	Apr. 16, 1764	Geo. H. Scott,	Sept. 3, 1873	Sept. 3, 1873	34	121	155	25	19	1	20	5	3	0	8	16	0	167	131.13
Thornton,	Apr. 11, 1780				2	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	D. S. Hibbard,	July 26, 1860	A. P. 1871	10	40	50	13	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	100	100.00
					706	1326	2032	533	69	27	96	44	45	0	89	56	17	2120	$3115.10

Churches. 22; Pastors, 7; Acting Pastors, 11; Vacant, 4.

Ministers Without Charge. Liba Conant, Orford, ordained May 29, 1823; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained January 23, 1835; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 13, 1849; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained January 23, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover. Licentiate. Nov. 1, 1836; J. C. Proctor, Hanover, Licentiate; F. H. Bartlett, Bristol, Licentiate, July 1872; V. J. Hartshorne, Enfield, ordained Jan. 18, 1865; H. O. Ladd, Plymouth, ordained, Nov. 24, 1865.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bap'tms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	45	134	179	22	10	1	11	4	1	0	5	6	1	193	$713.67
Antrim, Presb.,	Aug. 1788	W. R. Cochrane,	Mar. 18, 1869	Mar. 18, 1869	66	133	199	19	9	1	10	3	0	0	3	7	1	200	238.00
Bedford,	1750	I. G. Tyson,	Oct. 7, 1862	May 6, 1869	60	127	187	38	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	4	0	250	370.26
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	James Holmes,	July 22, 1842	A. P. 1869	14	31	45	9	0	3	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	112	131.83
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	F. D. Sargent,	Oct. 20, 1869	Oct. 20, 1869	25	59	84	13	12	1	13	1	1	0	2	10	3	140	121.68
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	A. P. 1863	6	27	33	7	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	0	60	12.00
Francestown,	Mar. 8, 1773	H. F. Campbell,	Oct. 1872	Jan. 22, 1874	67	132	199	14	14	1	15	11	6	1	18	9	8	339	883.47
Greenfield,	May 28, 1867	S. H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853	A. P. 1869	40	82	122	15	1	0	1	4	6	0	10	0	2	130	120.00
Greenville,	May 3, 1847	G. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	22	60	82	26	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	110	180.50
Goffstown,	Dec. 29, 1801	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	30	119	149	18	2	3	5	4	3	0	7	2	1	290	300.48
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	39	81	120	14	1	1	2	8	0	0	8	1	0	199	315.84
Hillsborough Bridge	May 29, 1839	John Bragdon,	Apr. 9, 1873	A. P. 1873	23	52	75	14	3	1	4	3	9	0	12	3	0	140	85.50
" Center.	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	July 21, 1841	A. P. 1861	17	29	46	11	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	35.00
Hollis,	1743				66	117	183	31	0	1	1	7	10	1	18	0	2	194	853.35
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841				12	24	36	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Litchfield, Presb.,	July 3, 1844	W. D. Hart,		A. P. 1873	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	30.41
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	N. J. Jones,		A. P. 1873	23	38	61	12	3	0	3	1	7	0	8	2	1	80	0.00
Manchester, First,	Aug. 15, 1839	E. G. Selden,	Dec. 13, 1873	Dec. 13, 1873	153	367	520	75	23	14	37	1	16	0	17	11	6	485	1283.84
" Franklin St.,	June 27, 1844	W. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, 1867	Jan. 24, 1867	94	256	350	63	15	10	25	8	8	0	16	7	6	644	3064.60
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	Apr. 18, 1860	28	56	84	26	3	7	10	1	1	0	2	1	0	100	115.28
		R. P. Wells,	Sept. 20, 1846	A. P. 1874															
Merrimack, First,	Sept. 5, 1771	C. L. Hubbard,	Sept. 2, 1868	Sept. 2, 1868	50	102	152	33	7	1	8	2	10	0	12	2	3	224	241.46
" South,	Oct. 21, 1829				1	10	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0.00
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	Geo. Pierce, Jr.,	Oct. 14, 1863	Oct. 29, 1872	101	223	324	15	10	5	15	5	2	0	7	7	0	324	638.32
Mont Vernon,	Mar. 3, 1780	S. H. Keeler, D.D.	Oct. 1829	A. P. 1868	52	81	133	40	44	11	55	5	4	0	9	27	11	180	157.79
Nashua, First,	1685	Frederick Alvord,	July 21, 1858	July 16, 1869	91	268	359	30	7	7	14	5	3	0	8	3	2	377	2506.31
" Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834				77	200	277	78	0	8	8	7	3	0	10	0	0	300	638.35
" Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Chas. Wetherby,	Mar. 1, 1859	Dec. 7, 1871	57	150	207	20	2	8	10	2	3	0	5	0	2	264	502.33
" Presb.,	1768				45	108	153	23	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	190	181.50
New Boston,	Oct. 21, 1760				46	104	150	32	0	1	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	100	282.41
New Ipswich,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 6, 1861	Oct. 6, 1861	23	54	77	10	2	5	7	4	0	0	4	2	0	195	491.93
Pelham,	Apr. 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	47	123	170	10	1	6	7	6	5	0	11	0	0	270	144.53
Peterborough,	Oct. 2, 1771	S. D. Clark,	June 11, 1840	A. P. 1872	31	62	93	19	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	115	119.98
Temple,	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	54	123	177	15	0	6	6	3	1	0	4	0	1	239	139.82
Wilton,					1507	3537	5044	763	178	104	2	110	116	3	229	105	52	6631	$14,900.44

29 Congregational; 4 Presbyterian Churches. 18 Pastors; 10 Acting Pastors; 6 Vacancies.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, D. D., Nashua, ordained June 13, 1819; William Clark D. D., Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July 22, 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained July 4, 1830; Abel Manning, Goffstown, ordained Nov. 9, 1820; Thomas S. Robie, New Ipswich, ordained Oct. 25, 1859; Amos F. Shattuck, Hollis, ordained June 3, 1868; W. H. Rand, City Missionary, Manchester, ordained Jan. 17, 1872.

GEORGE F. MERRIAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25,1841	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22,1843	A. P. 1869	8	16	24	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	$103.95
Boscawen,	1740	Isaiah P. Smith,	Oct. 19, 1864	A. P. 1873	33	64	97	25	2	0	2	1	6	0	7	2	0	100	0.00
Bradford,	Nov. 24,1803																		
Canterbury,	1761	James Doldt,	Dec. 26, 1843	A. P. 1870	21	56	77	1	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	76.71
Chichester,	1791	Geo. A. Foss,	Feb. 28,1874	Feb. 28,1874	34	49	83	29	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	0.00
Concord, First,	Nov. 18,1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept. 12,1867	79	183	262	17	3	2	5	4	0	0	4	1	0	246	1050.00
" West,	Jan. 11, 1832	I. D. Adkinson,	Aug. 1866	May 6, 1874	28	60	88	3	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	1	0	182	130.00
" South,	Feb. 1, 1837	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	114	275	389	30	5	9	14	3	2	1	6	4	5	400	1460.93
" East,	Mar. 30,1842	A. Burnham,	Sept. 30,1857	A. P. 1872	23	59	82	26	0	4	4	1	3	0	4	0	0	90	33.32
Dunbarton,	June 18,1789	Wm. E. Spear,	Oct. 17, 1873	Oct. 17,1873	31	69	100	6	6	0	6	0	2	0	2	3	0	160	148.10
Epsom,	1761				12	25	37	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0.00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	M. B. Bisbee,	Sept. 10,1874	Sept. 10,1874	36	83	119	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1	0	160	200.00
Franklin,	June 11,1822				51	106	157	39	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	1523.45
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	Geo. H. Morss,	May 11, 1864	A. P. 1873	42	118	160	29	13	4	17	5	0	0	5	10	3	194	449.00
Hill,	Feb. 19,1815																		
Hooksett,	1828	Supplied by Meth.			12	33	45	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23,1757	J. K. Young, D.D.	Sept. 24,1829	A. P. 1867	48	105	153	38	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	1	0	75	288.10
Loudon,	Nov. 1789	J. E. B. Jewett,	Sept, 1851	A. P. 1874	15	44	59	16	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	40	25.00
Pembroke,	Mar. 1, 1737	Lyman White,	Oct. 23, 1849	A. P. 1871	34	80	114	24	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	3	184	373.00
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17,1789				37	77	114	34	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	95	17.63
Salisbury,	Nov. 17,1773				26	42	68	17	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	52	10.85
Tilton & Northfield,	July 18, 1822	T. C. Pratt.	June 21,1859	Oct. 29, 1872	39	119	158	50	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	5	145	63.25
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	M. A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858	A. P. 1873	29	79	108	10	3	5	8	1	0	0	1	3	0	165	83.00
Webster,	Sept. 10,1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10,1836	Dec. 13,1837	46	71	117	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	125	142.67
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracy,	Mar. 10,1830	A. P. 1868	18	30	48	15	0	2	2	2	0	1	3	0	1	66	45.95
					826	1763	2589	444	43	34	77	34	31	2	68	30	24	2807	$6,224.96

Churches, 25; Pastors, 8; Acting Pastors, 10; Vacant, 7.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of N. H.; C. Curtice, Tilton, ordained Oct. 2, 1843; W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 22, 1833; W. R. Jewett, Fisherville, ordained Jan. 18, 1837; Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; Daniel A. Hopkinton, ordained May 13, 1846; Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826—Secretary of N. H. Bible Society; S. S. Morrill, Henniker, ordained Sawyer, May 1850; E. H. Greeley, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1849—Secretary N. H. Missionary Society; S. V. McDuffee, Fisherville, ordained 1869; W. T. Savage, D. D., Franklin, ordained Oct. 3, 1837.

S. L. BLAKE, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissons.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Chas. F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856	Sept. 17, 1872	31	62	93	22	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	$181.27
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843				26	36	62	13	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	80	43.95
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	Wm. C. Jackson,	Oct. 13, 1835	A. P. 1870	11	44	55	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	35.00
Candia,	1770	Geo. E. Lovejoy,	July 16, 1873	July 16, 1873	87	141	228	31	7	4	11	2	1	0	3	4	3	225	276.54
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	Chas. Tenney,	Feb. 7, 1844	Aug. 2, 1871	44	122	166	19	6	3	9	3	0	0	3	4	1	192	268.24
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766				35	83	118	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	6	0	0	100	45.00
Derry, 1st,	1719	W. R. Joyslin,	1864	A. P. 1874	45	132	177	30	0	1	1	10	3	0	13	0	0	100	199.10
" 1st Cong.,	Aug. 3, 1737	R. W. Haskins,	Nov. 19, 1872	Nov. 19, 1872	22	92	114	23	7	5	12	3	4	0	7	2	1	100	140.00
Epping,	Dec. 9, 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	A. P. 1857	26	46	72	8	21	1	22	1	5	0	6	19	0	128	221.09
Exeter, 1st,	1638 Re. 1698	Swift Byington,	Nov. 17, 1852	June 2, 1871	49	117	166	45	21	11	32	2	1	0	3	12	0	120	335.65
" 2d,	June 17, 1744	Geo E. Street,	Apr. 6, 1864	Mar. 30, 1871	28	77	105	30	20	3	23	1	2	0	3	6	1	102	254.30
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	8	46	54	7	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	406.67
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	E. W. Bullard,	Aug. 8, 1838	Dec. 14, 1870	18	63	81	10	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	1	170	236.87
Hampton,	1638	F. D. Chandler,		A. P. 1873	64	129	193	26	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	131	271.90
Kensington,	Oct, 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	Apr. 4, 1833	June 30, 1864	13	40	53	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	95	50.50
Kingston,	Sept. 17, 1725	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	June 7, 1872	9	37	46	9	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	3	1	110	103.00
Londonderry, Presb	1735				45	120	165	21	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	1	175	186.88
Newcastle,	1671				10	36	46	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	147	10.00
Newington,	Oct. 15, 1715	Franklin Davis,	Oct, 6, 1847	A. P. 1864	5	14	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	25.00
Newmarket,	May 27, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, 1850	A, P. 1865	35	70	105	22	33	2	35	2	0	0	2	21	0	150	144.27
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31. 1730	T. V. Haines	Feb. 1, 1861	Apr, 27, 1870	48	100	148	26	0	0	0	7	2	0	9	0	1	195	272.22
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3 1842	A. P. 1865	35	61	96	29	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	5	100	217.25
Nottingham,	May 12, 1840				2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Calvin Terry,	Dec. 1846	A. P. 1869	21	52	73	10	3	0	3	3	3	0	6	0	0	100	348.59
Portsmouth,	July 11, 1671	Carlos Martyn,	June 25, 1869	Nov. 12, 1872	95	272	367	82	3	5	8	8	5	0	13	0	0	240	1451.53
Raymond,	July 4, 1791	Wm. A. Patten,	July 18, 1850	A. P. 1874	55	70	125	75	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	100	0.00
Rye,	July 10, 1726	J. K. Aldrich,	Feb, 17, 1863	A. P. 1873	14	52	66	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	161	168.85
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1740	Samuel Bowker,	Dec. 8, 1844	A. P. 1873	15	54	69	12	3	5	8	4	1	0	5	3	0	75	25.00
Seabrook & H. Falls	July 12, 1837	Geo. H. Pratt,	1866	A. P. 1873	15	24	39	4	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	5	0	87	15.00
Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	Wm. A. Rand,	Licentiate.	A. P. 1867	8	15	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0.00
South Seabrook,	1730	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7, 1847	A. P. 1868	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	35.37
South Newmarket,	1746	A. B. Peabody,	May 24, 1860	Nov. 25, 1869	16	28	44	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	105	280.00
Stratham, Presb.,	1742	Charles Packard,	May 6, 1846	Apr. 29, 1873	39	93	132	42	2	0	2	3	5	0	8	2	2	200	122.39
Windham,					1056	2320	3376	624	146	46	192	74	52	1	127	88	19	3873	$6371.40

Churches, 33; Pastors, 14; Acting Pastors, 14; Vacant, 5.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Jessie Page, Atkinson, ordained Sept. 16, 1835: Israel T. Otis, Exeter, ordained June 1, 1835; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Joshua S. Gay, Auburn, ordained July 20, 1848; B. F. Parsons, Derry, ordained July 12, 1847. EDWARD ROBIE, *Statistical Secretary*.

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bap'tms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	D. L. Gear,		A. P.	10	27	37	13	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	8	0	100	$8.00
Barrington,	June 18, 1755				11	37	48	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	10.14
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804				7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Barnstead Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	A. P. 1867	14	19	33	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	35.00
Center Harbor,	May 9, 1838				20	36	56	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	0.00
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	S. G. Norcross,	Oct. 11, 1859	A. P. 1873	23	53	76	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	1	73	67.00
Dover, 1st,	Jan. 1639	Geo. B. Spalding.	Oct. 5, 1861	Sept. 1, 1869	85	219	304	57	10	5	15	7	0	0	7	4	5	268	831.48
" Belknap,	Sept, 3, 1856	John W. Savage,	Dec. 10, 1863	A. P. 1871	17	54	71	20	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	112	40.00
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	H. L. Talbot,	Jan. 1, 1873	Jan. 1, 1873	16	53	69	5	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	140	75.00
Effingham,	May 17, 1836				3	16	19	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	6	0	0.00
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	E. H. Titus,	Feb. 15, 1866	Apr. 29, 1873	23	47	70	16	14	0	14	1	0	0	1	11	0	160	175.00
Farmington Center,	May 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	Oct. 25, 1871	32	73	105	23	10	2	12	0	3	0	3	3	0	70	99.23
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12. 1830				22	65	87	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	10.00
" East,	Nov. 30, 1774				7	6	13	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00
Great Falls,	Oct. 25, 1730	Stephen W. Webb	Apr. 19, 1870	Oct. 15, 1873	45	128	173	36	1	7	8	1	0	0	1	1	1	200	498.06
Laconia,	June 28, 1824	W. F. Bacon,	Sept. 26, 1867	A. P. 1871	39	106	145	20	5	10	15	6	1	2	9	5	0	115	168.24
Lee,	Dec. 3, 1867	J. W. Lees,	Nov. 6, 1870	Nov. 6, 1870	5	36	41	11	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	253	0.00
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Jan. 2, 1873	16	47	63	4	5	7	12	3	0	0	3	3	1	137	81.00
Milton,	Sept. 8. 1815				26	54	80	7	1	3	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	100	
Milton Mills,	Sept. 26, 1871				13	29	42	7	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	2	0	60	60.56
Moultonborough.	Mar. 12. 1777				8	17	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0.00
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 27, 1806				18	46	64	31	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	4	0	30	36.50
Rochester,	Sept. 18. 1737	H. M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	May 18, 1871	45	116	161	21	16	8	24	5	0	0	5	11	5	150	455.97
Rochester, S. Falls,	May 1, 1846				17	61	78	62	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	0.00
Rollinsford,	Nov. 13, 1771	Moses T. Runnels,	Aug. 13, 1856	June 11, 1868	34	78	112	15	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	2	149	251.48
Sanbornton,	Aug. 17, 1814	C. L. Tappan.	Jan. 28, 1864	A. P. 1871	6	21	27	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	60	10.00
Sandwich,	June 17. 1832				12	14	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
" North,	Sept. 12, 1792	J. G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	A. P. 1373	28	62	90	15	3	2	5	3	1	0	4	1	1	125	90.00
"	May 1, 1839				1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Tamworth,	Sept. 22, 1785	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	A. P. 1872	5	23	28	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	78.50
Tuftonborough,	June 17, 1834	Robert B. Hall,	Nov. 13, 1873	Nov. 13, 1873	25	60	85	20	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	100	0.00
Wakefield,	June 19, 1839	W. D. Roberts,		A. P. 1874	8	18	26	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	0.00
Wolfeborough,					641	1637	2278	516	83	49	132	57	20	2	79	56	26	2899	$3081.19
" North,																			

Churches, 32; Pastors, 10; Acting Pastors, 9; Vacant, 13.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Almon Benson, Centre Harbor, ordained Dec. 28, 1840; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826; F. P. Smith, North Wolfeborough, ordained Sept. 12, 1838; Jeremiah Blake M. D., Gilmanton Iron Works, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Giles Leach, Meredith Village, ordained Feb. 1, 1826.

MOSES T. RUNNELS, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12.1773	James Marshall,	Dec, 10,1871	June 9, 1874	53	76	129	33	2	2	4	3	7	0	10	1	5	100	$103.48
Charlestown,	Dec. 4, 1754	Geo. W. Kinne,	Apr. 29,1874	Apr. 29,1874	6	24	30	7	0	4	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	73	—.—
Claremont,	1770	Levi Rodgers,	Oct. 19, 1871	Oct. 19, 1871	65	166	231	41	1	3	4	3	5	0	8	0	6	220	762.59
Cornish,	Sept. 29,1768	J. S. Jackson,		A. P. 1874	30	55	85	7	19	1	20	1	0	0	1	18	0	60	12.50
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778				6	7	13	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10.00
Goshen,	Feb. 23,1802	Supplied by	Baptist.		9	16	25	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	100	10.00
Langdon,	Feb. 11, 1820	Geo. F. Chapin,	June, 1866	A. P. 1873	6	18	24	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	5.50
Lempster. 1st chu'ch	Nov. 13 1781	J. LeBosquet,	Sept. 21,1836	A. P. 1871	23	28	51	16	1	0	1	2	5	0	7	1	0	40	31.00
" 2d "	Feb. 1, 1837				3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Chas. M. Palmer,	Dec, 8, 1868	Mar. 27,1873	50	72	122	46	10	2	12	0	8	0	8	5	1	140	102.38
Newport,	Oct. 28. 1779	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, 1868	A. P. 1874	93	154	247	50	3	7	10	6	2	0	8	3	0	250	650.00
Plainfield,	Sept. 20,1804				4	22	26	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	15.00
Washington,	May 20,1780	H. H. Colburn,	May 19, 1869	A. P. 1871	5	17	22	3	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	35	23.00
					353	664	1017	228	41	19	60	25	29	0	54	32	13	1058	$1725.45

Churches, 13; Pastors, 4; Acting Pastors, 6; Vacant, 3.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. E. W. Clark, Westborough, Mass., ordained Jan. 1, 1850; L. A. Austin, Principal Kimball Union Academy, June 26, 1862, Licentiate; Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., licensed May 8, 1850.

L. RODGERS, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.				Ch. Mem's, June 1, 1874.				Admissions.			Removal.				Bap'tms.		Sab. Sch.	Char. Coll.
	Total.	Vac.	Pastors.	A. P.	W. C.	Total.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	26	7	9	10	6	25	708	1636	2344	408	167	45	212	47	60	1	108	106	33	3393	$5241.77
2. Coos,	10	4	1	5	0	6	137	368	505	90	16	2	18	6	1	0	7	9	5	740	528.90
3. Grafton,	22	4	7	11	13	31	706	1326	2032	533	69	27	96	44	45	0	89	56	17	2120	3115.10
4. Hillsborough,	33	6	18	10	8	36	1507	3537	5044	763	178	104	282	110	116	3	229	105	52	6631	14900.44
5. Merrimack,	25	7	8	10	10	28	826	1763	2589	444	43	34	77	34	31	2	67	30	24	2807	6224.96
6. Rockingham,	33	5	14	14	5	33	1056	2320	3376	624	146	46	192	74	52	1	127	88	19	3873	6371.40
7. Strafford,	32	13	10	9	5	24	641	1637	2278	516	83	49	132	57	20	2	79	56	26	2899	3081.16
8. Sullivan,	13	3	4	6	3	13	353	664	1017	228	41	19	60	25	29	0	54	32	13	1058	1725.45
Total.	194	49	71	75	50	196	5934	13251	19185	3606	743	326	1069	397	354	9	760	482	189	23431	$41189.18
Total of Presb. Ch's,	6	2	2	2	0	4	250	599	849	124	8	8	16	16	13	0	29	4	5	983	$ 918.99
Total of Cong. Ch's,	188	47	69	73	50	192	5684	12652	18336	3482	735	318	1053	381	341	9	731	478	184	22448	$ 40270.19

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1873. Oct. 17, W. E. Spear, Dunbarton.
Nov. 13, Robert B. Hall, Wolfeborough.
Dec. 16, E. G. Selden, Hanover St., Ma
1874. Feb. 24, Geo. A. Foss, Chichester.
April 29, Geo W. Kinne, Charlestown.
Sept. 10, M. D. Bisbee, Fisherville.

INSTALLED.

1873. Oct. 15, S. W. Webb, Great Falls.
1874. Jan. 22, H. F. Campbell, Francestown.
May 6, Irving D. Adkinson, West Conc
June 9, James Marshall, Acworth.
July 2, J. Q. A. Bittinger, Haverhill.
July 7, W. H. Ayer, Lebanon.

DISMISSED.

1873. Nov. 17, Asa Mann, Bath,
Dec. 2, G. R. W. Scott, Newport.
Dec. 15, H. B. Putnam, West Concord.
Dec. 16, C. W. Wallace, Manchester.
Dec. 30, B. N. Stone, Loudon.
1874. ———, H. V. Emmons, Lancaster.
Jan. 29, James Black, Manchester.
Aug. 20, W. T. Savage, Franklin.
Sept. 10, W. R. Jewett, Fisherville.

DECEASED.

1873. Oct. 16, Jacob Scales, Plainfield.
Nov. 4, Isaac Jones, Derry.
Nov. 14, Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke.
Dec. 18, Caleb F. Page, Milton Mills.
1874. June 14, Moses Gerould, Concord.
August 20, James Laird, Hollis.

REMARKS.

The Summaries are placed at the close of the Narrative of Religion. The table of Associations is omitted, but their member-ship is given in the Alphabetical List.

The "List of Ministers" is made as complete as may be to Sept. 10th. It is impossible for the Secretary to decide upon the question of reporting churches which may virtually be merged in other churches, or have become extinct. It is desirable that the different Conferences decide this question, and report according to the real state of the case. More care should also be taken in reporting the names of ministers "without charge" in the limits of the different Conferences. The Secretary is not responsible for any omissions of this kind which may be found. There is a good degree of accuracy and promptness in reporting statistics, and many of the schedules are returned completely filled out. For this the Secretary and the churches are thankful. The returns for the "Narrative of the State of Religion" are very incomplete, and imperfectly made out in most of our Conferences. In a few they are well and faithfully done. No accurate Narrative can be written so long as this is true. One Conference made no return, and from another, one of the large ones, there was report from only three churches. It cannot be expected that the Secretary can write definitely all the changes concerning a parish of which he has no report. As this Narrative is to be printed before the meeting, the reports must be sent before that time, and corrections cannot then be made. The Secretary regrets that the Statistical Secretary has left the State, so that the churches have lost this year his accurate knowledge, and careful records in so many cases. Grateful acknowledgment is made of his interest and valuable aid in the work done. The copies of the Minutes should be circulated as widely as possible, and at once after their arrival.

F. D. Ayer, *Secretary.*

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

ABBREVIATIONS.

P.—Pastor.
A. P.—Acting Pastor.
W. C.—Without Charge.
L.—Licentiate.
Pr.—Professor.
C.—Cheshire.
Co.—Coos.
G.—Grafton.
H.—Hillsborough.
M.—Merrimack.
R.—Rockingham.
St.—Strafford.
Su.—Sullivan.
B. —Belknap.
D. & M.—Derry & Manchester.
Hy.—Harmony.
Hs.—Hollis.
Hn.—Hopkinton.
L.—Lancaster.
M.—Monadnock.
O.—Orange.
P.—Piscataqua.
Sk.—Suncook.
U.—Union.
W. R.—White River.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Abbott, E. E. P.,	Newport,	A. P.	Su.	Su.
Adams, D. E.,	Wilton,	P.	H.	Hs.
Adams, John,	Hillsboro' Centre,	A. P.	H.	
Adkinson, I. D.,	W. Concord,	P.	M.	Hn.
Alden, Lucius,	Newcastle,	A. P.	R.	
Aldrich, J. K.,	Rye,	A. P.	R.	
Alvord, Frederick,	Nashua,	P.	H.	Hs.
Austin, Lewis A.,	Meriden,	Pr.	Su.	
Ayer, Franklin D.,	Concord,	P.	M.	Hn.
Ayers, W. H.,	Lebanon,	P.	G.	Su.
Bacon, Wm. F.,	Laconia,	A. P.	St.	B.
Bard, Geo. I.,	Meredith,	P.	St.	B.
Barker, Nathaniel,	Wakefield,	W. C.	St.	Hy.
Bartlett, Fred H.,	Bristol,	L.	G.	
Bartlett, Joseph,	So. Newmarket,	A. P.	R.	P.
Benson, Almon,	Centre Harbor,	W. C.	St.	B.
Berry, Augustus,	Pelham,	P.	H.	D. & M.
Bigelow, Asahel,	Hancock,	P.	H.	U.
Bisbee, M. D.,	Fisherville,	P.	M.	
Bittenger, J. Q. A.,	Haverhill,	P.	G.	C.
Blake, Jeremiah, M. D.,	Gilmanton I. W.,	W. C.	St.	Sk.
Blake, Joseph,	Gilmanton,	P.	St.	B.
Blake, S. L.,	Concord,	P.	M.	Hn.
Blakely, Quincy,	Campton,	P.	G.	B.
Bouton, N.,	Concord,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Bowker, Samuel,	Salem,	A. P.	R.	
Bragdon, John	Hillsboro' Bridge,	A. P.	H.	
Brigham, Levi,	Troy,	P.	C.	M.
Bullard, E. W.,	Hampstead,	P.	R.	D. & M.
Burnham, Abraham,	East Concord,	A. P.	M.	Hn.
Butler, E. P.,	Lyme,	A. P.	G.	
Buxton, Edward,	Webster,	P.	M.	Hn.
Byington, Swift,	Exeter,	P.	R.	P.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Campbell, H. F.,	Francestown,	P.	H.	H.
Carpenter, E. I.,	Swanzey,	A. P.	C.	
Carr, Wm. O.,	Barnstead Parade,	A. P.	St.	Sk.
Carter, Nathan F.,	Orfordville,	A. P.	G.	O.
Case, Rufus,	Jaffrey,	P.	C.	M.
Catlin, R. B.,	Washington, D. C.,	W. C.		
Chandler, F. D.,	Hampton,	A. P.	R.	
Chapin, Geo. F.,	Alstead,	A. P.	C.	
Chapman, Jacob,	Kingston,	P.	R.	P.
Clark, Edwin W.,	Westboro', Mass.,	W. C.	Su.	
Clark, Frank G.,	Rindge,	P.	C.	M.
Clark, John,	Plymouth,	W. C.	G.	B.
Clark, Sereno D.,	Temple,	A. P.	H.	
Clark, Sumner,	Wakefield,	A. P.	St.	
Clark, William,	Amherst,	W. C.	H.	Hs.
Cleaveland, Edward,	Bath,	A. P.	G.	
Cochrane, R. W.,	Antrim,	P.	H.	U.
Cogswell, E. C.,	Northwood,	A. P.	R.	
Colburn, H. H.,	Washington,	A. P.	Su.	M.
Colby, John,	Fitzwilliam,	A. P.	C.	
Conant, Liba,	Orford,	W. C.	G.	B.
Cook, J. B.,	Salisbury,	P.	M.	Hn.
Curtice, Corban,	Tilton,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Davis, Franklin,	Newington,	A. P.	R.	P.
Davis, Josiah G.,	Amherst,	P.	H.	S.
Dickerson, Wm. E.,	Walpole,	P.	C.	M.
Doldt, James,	Canterbury,	A. P.	M.	Hy.
Downs, Charles A.,	Lebanon,	P.	G.	Su.
Drake, Samuel S.,	Sullivan,	A. P.	C.	
Duncan, Thomas W.,	Nelson,	W. C.	C.	M.
Dustan, George,	Peterborough,	P.	H.	U.
Eldredge, E. D.,	Kensington,	P.	R.	P.
Emmons, Henry V.,	Lancaster,	P.	Co.	L.
Fiske, A. W.,	Fisherville,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Flanders, C. N.,	Westmoreland,	A. P.	C.	
Foss, Geo. A.,	Chichester,	P.	M.	H.
Gates, Mathew A.,	Warner,	A. P.	M.	Hn.
Gay, Joshua S.,	Auburn,	A. P.	R.	D.&M.
Gear, D. L.,	Alton,	A. P.	St.	
Gerould, Samuel L.,	Goffstown,	P.	H.	D.&M.
Goodwin, Daniel,	Mason,	P.	H.	Hs.
Goodyear, George,	Temple,	W. C.	H.	Hs.
Gould, George,	Nelson,	A. P.	C.	M.
Greeley, Edward H.,	Concord,	P.	G.	C.
Hadley, James B.,	Campton,	W. C.	G.	B.
Haines, Thomas V.,	North Hampton,	P.	R.	P.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Hall, A. E.,	Dalton,	A. P.	Co.	
Hall, Jeffries,	Chesterfield,	W. C.	C.	M.
Hall, Robert B.,	Wolfeboro'	P.	St.	
Harmon, Elijah,	Winchester,	P.	C.	M.
Harrington, C. E.,	Lancaster,	A. P.	Co.	
Harris, Leonard W.,	Colebrook,	A. P.	Co.	L.
Harts, Wm. D.,	Litchfield,	A. P.	H.	
Hartshorne, V. J.,	Enfield,	A. P.	G.	W. R.
Haskins, Robert W.,	Derry,	P.	R.	D.&M.
Hibbard, D. S.,	Wentworth,	A. P.	G.	B.
Holbrook, Amos,	Harrisville,	A. P.	C.	M.
Holman, Morris,	Deering,	A. P.	H.	U.
Holmes, James,	Bennington,	A. P.	H.	U.
Hood, Edward C.,	Ossipee,	A. P.	St.	
Hubbard, Charles S.,	Merrimack,	P.	H.	D.&M.
Jackson, W. C.,	Brentwood,	A. P.	R.	P.
Jackson, J. T.,	Cornish,	A. P.	Su.	
Jennison, Edwin,	Winchester,	W. C.	C.	
Jewett, Wm. R.,	Fisherville,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Jewett, J. E. B.,	Loudon,	A. P.	M.	
Jones, N. J.,	Lyndeboro',	A. P.	H.	
Joyslin, ———,	Derry,	A. P.	R.	
Keeler, Seth H.,	Mont Vernon,	A. P.	H.	Hs.
Kendall, Henry A.,	East Concord,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Ketchum, Silas,	Bristol,	A. P.	G.	Hn.
Kinne, G. W.,	Charlestown,	P.	Su.	
Knowlton, Francis B.,	Orford,	A. P.	G.	C.
Ladd, Horatio O.,	Plymouth,	Pr.	G.	
Leach, Giles,	Meredith,	W. C.	St.	B.
Leach, Joseph A.,	Keene,	P.	C.	M.
LeBosquet, John,	Lempster,	A. P.	Su.	Su.
Lee, Samuel,	New Ipswich,	W. C.	H.	
Leeds, Samuel P.,	Hanover,	P.	G.	W. R.
Lees, John W.,	Lee,	P.	St.	P.
Lovejoy, Geo. E.,	Candia,	P.	R.	D.&M.
Manning, Abel,	Goffstown,	W. C.	H.	
Marden, A. L.,	Piermont,	P.	G.	C.
Marshall, James,	Acworth,	P.	Su.	
Martyn, Carlos,	Portsmouth,	P.	R.	P.
McClenning, Daniel B.,	Hanover Centre,	A. P.	G.	W. R.
McDuffee, S. V.,	Fisherville,	W. C.	M.	
McGee, Jonathan,	Nashua,	W. C.	H.	Hs.
Merriam, George F.,	Greenville,	P.	H.	Hs.
Merrill, John L.,	Marlborough,	P.	C.	M.
Milliken, Charles E.,	Littleton,	P.	Co.	C.
Moody, Howard,	E. Andover,	A. P.	M.	Hn.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Moore, Nathan S.,	Gilmanton I. W.,	A. P.	St.	Sk.
Morrill, Stephen S.,	Boston, Mass.,	W. C.		Hn.
Morse, Charles L.,	Atkinson,	P.	R.	
Morss, Geo. H.,	Henniker,	A. P.	M.	H.
Nichols, Nathan R.,	Acworth,	W. C	Su.	Su.
Norcross, S. G.,	Conway,	A. P.	St.	
Noyes, Daniel J.,	Hanover,	Pr.	G.	W. R.
Otis, Israel S.,	Exeter,	W. C.	R.	
Packard, Charles,	Windham,	P.	R.	D.&M.
Page, Jesse,	Atkinson,	W. C.	R.	D.&M.
Palmer, Charles M.,	Merriden,	P.	Su.	Su.
Parker, Henry E.,	Hanover,	Pr.	G.	W. R.
Parkinson, Royal,	Washington, D. C.,	W. C.		Hs.
Parsons, Benj. F.,	Derry,	W. C.	R.	
Partridge, S. H.,	Greenfield,	A. P.	H.	
Patten, Wm. A.,	Raymond,	A. P.	R.	
Peabody, Albert B.,	Stratham,	P.	R.	P.
Pierce, George E.,	Milford,	P.	H.	Hs.
Pratt, Geo. H.,	Seabrook,	A. P.	R.	
Pratt, T. C.,	Tilton,	P.	M.	Hn.
Procter, John C.,	Hanover,	Pr.	G.	W. R.
Pulsifer, Daniel,	Danbury,	W. C.	G.	
Rand, L. F.,	Roxbury,	L.	C.	
Rand, Wm. A.,	S. Seabrook,	A. P.	R.	
Rand, Wm. H.,	Manchester,	City M.	H.	
Rich, Alonzo B.,	W. Lebanon,	P.	G.	W. R.
Richards, Cyrus S.,	Washington, D. C.,	Pr.		Su.
Richardson, Cyrus,	Keene,	P.	C.	M.
Richardson, G. B.,	New Alstead,	A. P.	C.	
Roberts, Thomas E.,	Keene,	W. C.	C.	M.
Roberts, W. D.,	N. Wolfeboro',	A. P.	St.	
Robie, Edward,	Greenland,	P.	R.	P.
Robie, Thomas S.,	New Ipswich,	A. P.	H.	Hs.
Rodgers, Levi,	Claremont,	P.	Su.	Su.
Rood, Heman,	Hanover,	W. C.	G.	W. R.
Runnels, Moses T.,	Sanbornton,	P.	St.	B.
Sanborn, Edwin D.,	Hanover,	P. R.	G.	W. R.
Sanderson, Henry H.,	Charlestown,	A. P.	Su.	Su.
Sargent, Frank D.,	Brookline,	P.	H.	S.
Savage, John W.,	Dover,	A. P.	St.	P.
Savage, Wm. T.,	Franklin,	W. C.	M.	Hn.
Sawyer, Daniel,	Hopkinton,	W. C.	M.	
Scott, George H.,	Plymouth,	P.	G.	B.
Selden, E. G.,	Manchester,	P.	H.	D.&M.
Shattuck, A. F.,	Hollis,	W. C.	H.	
Smith, Asa D.,	Hanover,	Pr.	G.	O.

Name.	Post Office.	Relation.	Conf.	Association.
Smith, F. P.,	Wolfeborough,	W. C.	St.	
Smith, I. P.,	Boscawen,	A. P.	M.	
Smith, J. C.,	Winchester,	W. C.	C.	
Smith, George,	Danbury,	A. P.	G.	P.
Spalding, George B.,	Dover,	P.	H.	U.
Speare, Wm. E.,	Dunbarton,	A. P.	M.	
Starr, J. W.,	Stewartstown,	A. P.	Co.	
Stearns, Josiah H.,	Epping,	A. P.	R.	P.
Stone, Harvey M.,	Rochester,	P.	St.	P.
Street, George E.,	Exeter,	P.	R.	P.
Talbot, Henry L.,	Durham,	P.	St.	P.
Tappan, Charles L.,	Sandwich,	A. P.	St.	Hy.
Tenney, Charles,	Chester,	P.	R.	P.
Terry, Calvin,	Plaistow,	A. P.	R.	
Tewksbury, George F.,	Gorham,	A. P.	Co.	
Thompson, George W.,	Stratham,	W. C.	R.	P.
Titus, Eugene H.,	Farmington,	P.	St.	P.
Tobey, Alvan,	S. Berwick, Me.,	W. C.	St.	P.
Tracy, Caleb B.,	Wilmot,	A. P.	M.	Hn.
Tucker, William J.,	Manchester,	P.	H.	D.&M.
Tyson, Ira C.,	Bedford,	P.	H.	D.&M.
Utley, Samuel,	Concord,	W. C.	M.	
Wallace, Cyrus W.,	Rockland, Me.,	W. C.	H.	D.&M.
Watson, Charles C.,	Hinsdale,	P.	C.	M.
Webb, S. W.,	Great Falls,	A. P.	St.	P.
Wells, R. P.,	Mason,	A. P.	H.	Hs.
Wetherby, Charles,	Nashua,	P.	H.	Hs.
White, Isaac C.,	Newmarket,	A. P.	R.	P.
White, Lyman,	Pembroke,	A. P.	M.	Hn.
Willey, Isaac,	Pembroke,	Sect.	M.	Hn.
Wilson, J. G.,	Tamworth,	A. P.	St.	Hy.
Wood, Horace,	Gilsum,	A. P.	C.	M.
Young, John K.,	Hopkinton,	A. P.	M.	B.

INDEX OF ALL THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The name of the county follows that of each town. The number is that of the Conference in the tables of which the statistics of the church are given in preceding pages. "No church" is only no Congregational or Presbyterian church.

1.	Acworth,	Sullivan,	8.
2.	Albany,	Carroll,	No church.
3.	Alexandria,	Grafton,	Ch. extinct.
4.	Allenstown,	Merrimack,	No church.
5.	Alstead,	Cheshire,	1.
6.	Alton,	Belknap,	7.
7.	Amherst,	Hillsboro',	4.
8.	Andover,	Merrimack,	5.
9.	Antrim,	Hillsboro',	4.
10.	Ashland,	Grafton,	Ch. extinct.
11.	Atkinson,	Rockingham,	6.
12.	Auburn,	"	6.
13.	Barnstead,	Belknap,	7.
14.	Barrington,	Strafford,	7.
15.	Bartlett,	Carroll,	No church.
16.	Bath,	Grafton,	3.
17.	Bedford,	Hillsboro',	4.
18.	Belmont,	Belknap,	No church.
19.	Bennington,	Hillsboro',	4.
20.	Benton,	Grafton,	No church.
21.	Berlin,	Coos,	No church.
22.	Bethlehem,	Grafton,	3.
23.	Boscawen,	Merrimack,	5.
24.	Bow,	"	No church.
25.	Bradford,	"	5.
26.	Brentwood,	Rockingham,	6.
27.	Bridgewater,	Grafton,	Ch. extinct.
28.	Bristol,	"	3.
29.	Brookfield,	Carroll,	No church.
30.	Brookline,	Hillsboro',	4.
31.	Cambridge,	Coos,	No church.
32.	Campton,	Grafton,	3.
33.	Canaan,	"	3.
34.	Candia,	Rockingham,	6.
35.	Canterbury,	Merrimack,	5.

36.	Carroll,	Coos,	No church.
37.	Centre Harbor,	Belknap,	7.
38.	Charlestown,	Sullivan,	8.
39.	Chatham,	Carroll,	2.
40.	Chester,	Rockingham,	6.
41.	Chesterfield,	Cheshire,	1.
42.	Chichester,	Merrimack,	5.
43.	Claremont,	Sullivan,	8.
44.	Clarksville,	Coos,	No church.
45.	Colebrook,	"	2.
46.	Columbia,	"	No church.
47.	Concord,	Merrimack,	5.
48.	Conway,	Carroll,	7.
49.	Cornish,	Sullivan,	8.
50.	Croydon,	"	8.
51.	Dalton,	Coos,	2.
52.	Danbury,	Grafton,	3.
53.	Danville,	Rockingham,	Ch. extinct.
54.	Deerfield,	"	6.
55.	Deering,	Hillsboro',	4.
56.	Derry,	Rockingham,	6.
57.	Dorchester,	Grafton,	Ch. extinct.
58.	Dover,	Strafford,	7.
59.	Dublin,	Cheshire,	1.
60.	Dummer,	Coos,	No church.
61.	Dunbarton,	Merrimack,	5.
62.	Durham,	Strafford,	7.
63.	East Kingston,	Rockingham,	6.
64.	Eaton,	Carroll,	No church.
65.	Effingham,	"	7.
66.	Ellsworth,	Grafton,	No church.
67.	Enfield,	Grafton,	3.
68.	Epping,	Rockingham,	6.
69.	Epsom,	Merrimack,	5.
70.	Erroll,	Coos,	No church.
71.	Exeter,	Rockingham,	6.
72.	Farmington,	Strafford,	7,
	Fisherville,	Merrimack,	5.
73.	Fitzwilliam,	Cheshire,	1.
74.	Francestown,	Hillsboro',	4.
75.	Franconia,	Grafton,	2.
76.	Franklin,	Merrimack,	5.
77.	Freedom,	Carroll,	No church.
78.	Fremont,	Rockingham,	" "
79.	Gilford,	Belknap,	" "
80.	Gilmanton,	"	7.

81.	Gilsum,	Cheshire,	1.
82.	Goffstown,	Hillsboro',	4.
83.	Gorham,	Coos,	2.
84.	Goshen,	Sullivan,	8.
85.	Gosport,	Rockingham,	Ch. extinct.
86.	Grafton,	Grafton,	No church.
87.	Grantham,	Sullivan,	" "
	Great Falls,	In Somersworth,	7.
88.	Greenfield,	Hillsboro',	4.
89.	Greenland,	Rockingham,	6.
90.	Greenville,	Hillsboro',	4.
91.	Groton,	Grafton,	3.
92.	Hampstead,	Rockingham,	6.
93.	Hampton,	"	6.
94.	Hampton Falls,	"	6.
95.	Hancock,	Hillsboro',	4.
96.	Hanover,	Grafton,	3.
97.	Harrisville,	Cheshire,	1.
98.	Hart's Location,	Carroll,	No church.
99.	Haverhill,	Grafton,	3.
100.	Hebron,	"	3.
101.	Henniker,	Merrimack,	5.
102.	Hill,	"	5.
103.	Hillsboro',	Hillsboro',	4.
104.	Hinsdale,	Cheshire,	1.
105.	Holderness,	Grafton,	No church.
106.	Hollis,	Hillsboro',	4.
107.	Hooksett,	Merrimack,	5.
108.	Hopkinton,	"	5.
109.	Hudson,	Hillsboro',	4.
110.	Jackson,	Carroll,	No church.
111.	Jaffrey,	Cheshire,	1.
112.	Jefferson,	Coos,	No church.
113.	Keene,	Cheshire,	1.
114.	Kensington,	Rockingham,	6.
115.	Kingston,	"	6.
116.	Laconia,	Belknap,	7.
117.	Lancaster,	Coos,	2.
118.	Landaff,	Grafton,	No church.
119.	Langdon,	Sullivan,	8.
120.	Lebanon,	Grafton,	3.
121.	Lee,	Strafford,	7.
122.	Lempster,	Sullivan,	8.
123.	Lincoln,	Grafton,	No church.
124.	Lisbon,	"	No church.
125.	Litchfield,	Hillsboro',	4.

126.	Littleton,	Grafton,	2.
127.	Londonderry,	Rockingham,	6.
128.	Loudon,	Merrimack,	5.
129.	Lyman,	Grafton,	Ch. extinct.
130.	Lyme,	"	3.
131.	Lyndeboro',	Hillsboro',	4.
132.	Madbury,	Strafford,	No church.
133.	Madison,	Carroll,	" "
134.	Manchester,	Hillsboro',	4.
135.	Marlboro',	Cheshire,	1.
136.	Marlow,	"	Ch. extinct.
137.	Mason,	Hillsboro',	4.
138.	Meredith,	Belknap,	7.
	Meriden,	In Plainfield,	8.
139.	Merrimack,	Hillsboro',	4.
140.	Middleton,	Strafford,	No church.(?)
141.	Milan,	Coos,	" "
142.	Milford,	Hillsboro',	4.
143.	Milton,	Strafford.	7.
144.	Monroe,	Grafton,	3.
145.	Mont Vernon,	Hillsboro',	4.
146.	Moultonboro',	Carroll,	7.
147.	Nashua,	Hillsboro',	4.
148.	Nelson,	Cheshire,	1.
149.	New Boston,	Hillsboro',	4.
150.	Newbury,	Merrimack,	No church.
151.	Newcastle,	Rockingham,	6.
152.	New Durham,	Strafford,	No church.
153.	New Hampton,	Belknap,	Ch. extinct.
154.	Newington,	Rockingham,	6.
155.	New Ipswich,	Hillsboro',	4.
156.	New London,	Merrimack,	No church.
157.	Newmarket,	Rockingham,	6.
158.	Newport,	Sullivan,	8.
159.	Newton,	Rockingham,	Ch. extinct.
160.	Northfield,	Merrimack,	5.
161.	North Hampton,	Rockingham,	6.
162.	Northumberland,	Coos,	No church.
163.	Northwood,	Rockingham,	6.
164.	Nottingham,	"	Ch. extinct.
165.	Orange,	Grafton,	" "
166.	Orford,	"	3.
167.	Ossipee,	Carroll,	7.
168.	Pelham,	Hillsboro',	4.
169.	Pembroke,	Merrimack,	5.
170.	Peterboro',	Hillsboro',	4.

171.	Piermont,	Grafton,	3.
172.	Pittsburg,	Coos,	No church.
173.	Pittsfield,	Merrimack,	5.
174.	Plainfield,	Sullivan,	8.
175.	Plaistow,	Rockingham,	6.
176.	Plymouth,	Grafton,	3.
177.	Portsmouth,	Rockingham,	6.
178.	Randolph,	Coos,	No church.
179.	Raymond,	Rockingham,	6.
180.	Richmond,	Cheshire,	No church.
181.	Rindge,	"	1.
182.	Rochester,	Strafford,	7.
183.	Rollinsford,	"	7.
184.	Roxbury,	Cheshire,	1.
185.	Rumney,	Grafton,	No church.(?)
186.	Rye,	Rockingham,	6.
187.	Salem,	"	6.
188.	Salisbury,	Merrimack,	5.
	Salmon Falls,	In Rollinsford,	7.
189.	Sanbornton,	Belknap,	7.
180.	Sandown,	Rockingham,	6.
191.	Sandwich,	Carroll,	7.
192.	Seabrook,	Rockingham,	6.
193.	Sharon,	Hillsboro',	Ch. extinct.
194.	Shelburne,	Coos,	2.
195.	Somersworth,	Strafford,	7.
196.	South Hampton,	Rockingham,	Ch. extinct.
197.	South Newmarket,	"	6.
198.	Springfield,	Sullivan,	Ch. extinct.
199.	Stark,	Coos,	No church.
200.	Stewartstown,	"	2.
201.	Stoddard,	Cheshire,	1.
202.	Strafford,	Strafford,	No church.
203.	Stratford,	Coos,	" "
204.	Stratham,	Rockingham,	6.
205.	Sullivan,	Cheshire,	1.
206.	Sunapee,	Sullivan,	Ch. extinct.
207.	Surry,	Cheshire,	1.
208.	Sutton,	Merrimack,	No church.
209.	Swanzey,	Cheshire,	1.
210.	Tamworth,	Carroll,	7.
211.	Temple,	Hillsboro',	4.
212.	Thornton,	Grafton,	Ch. extinct.
213.	Tilton,	Belknap,	5.
214.	Troy,	Cheshire,	1.

215.	Tuftonboro',	Carroll,	Ch. extinct.
216.	Unity,	Sullivan,	" "
217.	Wakefield,	Carroll,	7.
218.	Walpole,	Cheshire,	1.
219.	Warner,	Merrimack,	5.
220.	Warren,	Grafton,	No church.
221.	Washington,	Sullivan,	8.
222.	Waterville,	Grafton,	No church.
223.	Weare,	Hillsboro',	Ch. exinct.
224.	Webster,	Merrimack,	5.
225.	Wentworth,	Grafton,	3.
226.	Wentworth's Location,	Coos,	No church.
227.	Westmoreland,	Cheshire,	1.
228.	Whitefield,	Coos,	Ch. extinct.
229.	Wilmot,	Merrimack,	5.
230.	Wilton,	Hillsboro',	4.
231.	Winchester,	Cheshire,	1.
232.	Windham,	Rockingham,	6.
233.	Windsor,	Hillsboro',	No church.
234.	Wolfeboro',	Carroll,	7.
235.	Woodstock,	Grafton,	No church.

SEVENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

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CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New-Hampshire, and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall annually be chosen, of the members of the Society resident in the State, a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and nine Trustees, one-third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one-third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one-third of whom to be vacated each year and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, the Vice-President, and in the absence of the Vice-President, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when call-

ed by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the Secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the Secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the Executive Committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription, or who shall have removed from the State shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

Art. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian Churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its Treasurer, or its authorized agents.

ART. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the Constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

As revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences: should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source? If so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches in New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses

*The answer to this question should include bank, railroad, United States, and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the Treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of its ratable property, that is $12.50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1½ per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee,

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864. raised the percentage rule from one per cent. to one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

Resolutions passed by the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, Oct. 24, 1873 :—

(1.) That the trustees be encouraged to use still greater efforts to bring the increasing wants of this Society to the notice of every church, Congregational or Presbyterian, in New-Hampshire, and to impress upon them the vital importance not only of contributing to the funds of the Society, but of increasing their contributions.

(2.) That we recommend that all money contributed for the cause of Home Missions be paid into the Treasury of the State Society for its special use, that the wants of our own destitutions be met first, and that surplus money be paid to the American Home Missionary Society.

(3.) That the salary of every missionary stationed as pastor of a church, or laboring statedly with it, which complies with the rules of the society, relative to giving aid, be at least equal to $800, and that the trustees be instructed to appropriate such a sum of money as, in their judgment, is absolutely necessary to secure such a salary in each case. Nothing in this resolution proposes to diminish the salary of those having more than $800, when in the opinion of the trustees that larger salary should be continued. This resolution takes effect from Jan. 1, 1874.

(4.) That the policy of this Society be to secure a permanent pastoral relation, and that all stated supplies be encouraged and urged to enter the pastoral office at once.

(5.) That two contiguous churches be placed under the charge of one man in all practicable cases, and that all aid be withheld from any church which refuses to enter into such an arrangement.

(6.) That nothing in these resolutions be construed as advising the diminution of the Society's itineracy work, and that the compensation paid those laboring only part of the year be as heretofore.

(7.) That it shall hereafter be the settled policy of the Society to encourage and aid all its beneficiary churches to sustain public worship on the Sabbath without any intermission, and to employ to this end the best available agency, whether clerical or lay.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the fifteenth of August. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, namely:

1. What is the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members—male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending Aug. 15—by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms—infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year—by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contribution to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. E. H. Greeley, Concord, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New-York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Applications may be made to the Treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of *The Home Missionary* for New-Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the Treasury to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshise Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-third annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society was held at the First Congregational Church, in Exeter, September 17th, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., the President, Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. P. Abbott.

The Annual Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. H. Greeley.

Hon. J. E. Sargent moved that the report be accepted and placed on file and printed, and sustained this motion by brief remarks, after which it was adopted.

The Treasurer, Hon. L. D. Stevens read his annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be put on file and printed with the report of the trustees.

The amendments of the Constitution, proposed at the previous annual meeting by Rev. S. L. Blake, were adopted.

The following resolution, proposed by Rev. S. L. Blake, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized to modify the application of rule third, passed October 24th, 1873, when, in their judgment, the good of the Society requires—provided always that such modification shall be confined to exceptional cases.

The committee, appointed at the previous annual meeting to consider and report on the relations of this Society and the General Association, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz.:

The committee to whom the relations of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society and the General Association was referred, report that there seems no immediate demand for any change in these relations.

The Rev. S. L. Blake gave notice of a motion to amend Article 8 of the Constitution by inserting in the place of the words, "at 10 o'clock A. M.," the words "at 9 o'clock A. M."

The following officers, nominated by a committee appointed for that purpose by the chair, were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*

Hon. J. E. SARGENT, Concord; Dea. JOHN G. BLUNT, Nashua, and JOHN BRACEWELL, Esq., Dover, *Vice-Presidents.*

Rev. E. H. GREELEY, Concord, *Secretary.*

Hon. Lyman D. STEVENS, Concord, *Treasurer.*

Hon. JOHN KIMBALL and GEO. E. JENKS, Esq., *Auditors.*

Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord; Rev. QUINCY BLAKELY, Campton, and Dea. ALMON HARRIS, Fisherville, *Trustees*, for three years.

Rev. S. L. BLAKE, Concord, *Trustee*, for one year, in the place of Rev. H. A. Hazen, resigned.

Rev. WM. R. JEWETT was appointed delegate from this Society to the National Congregational Council.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following persons were appointed by the Trustees as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:

Hon. L. D. STEVENS, Concord.
Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord.
Rev. W. R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
Rev. W. J. TUCKER, Manchester.
Rev. E. H. GREELEY, Concord.

TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Society are the following, viz.: The PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, SECRETARY and TREASURER, *Ex-Officiis.*

Elected in 1874.

Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord.
Rev. QUINCY BLAKELY, Campton.
Dea. ALMON HARRIS, Fisherville.

Elected in 1873.

Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Manchester.
Rev. Geo. B. Spalding, Dover.
Hon. John W. Noyes, Chester.

Elected in 1872.

Hon. Milan Harris, Harrisville.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville.
Rev. S. L. Blake, Concord.

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Among our co-workers who have "rested from their labors," in the year which brings us to the seventy-third anniversary of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, are none either of the missionaries or officers of the Society. All these have been spared for still other labors and responsibilities in the furtherance of Christ's redeeming work.

The routine work of the Society has gone on during the year without interruption, in its usual channels. While there are some fluctuations from year to year in the demands made upon the charities of the Society for aid, these demands are, on the whole, increasing, and likely to increase. At the same time, the importance of the work it has undertaken to do is certainly not decreasing, nor is it easily over-estimated. There may be less that is fitted to strike the popular imagination in the field we are called to cultivate than in some others, but we believe there is no one in which a wise, generous and patient culture promises richer results. If the workers in it are called to labor, often in places from which the eye of man is turned away, they may still be sure that the eye of the Master is not turned away.

The Society has employed, during the past year, in all, forty-three missionaries—thirty-one as permanent laborers, and eleven —students, for the most part—for a limited time. These have labored in forty-three different fields, thirty-seven of which have organized churches of our order. These missionaries have performed, in the aggregate, twenty-six and three-fourths years of missionary labor.

Of the churches aided during the previous year, four have sustained constant, and four others occasional, preaching, during the past year, without calling on the Missionary Society for aid. One has, by a previous arrangement with a neighboring Baptist

church, been supplied by a Baptist preacher; and to one, aid has been refused. Six churches, not aided the previous year, have received assistance during the past year, and two additional missionary fields have been occupied.

From the Statistical Table which follows, it will be seen that in thirty congregations reported, the average attendance on public worship, each, was 74, and that the average number in the Sabbath School was, also, 74; that the whole number of conversions reported was 42; the number added to these churches, by profession, 38; by letter, 27; the number removed, by death, dismission and exclusion, 30; making the net gain 35; and that the benevolent contributions amounted, in the aggregate, to $707.14.

The report of the Treasurer shows that there have been received into the treasury during the year $13,382.04. Of this amount, $3,111.40 have by direction of the donors been paid to the American Home Missionary Society, leaving $10,270.64 in the treasury of this Society. Of this amount, $9,011.74 was received from donations, of which $2,713.22 was from the Female Cent Institution, and $1,134.13 from legacies. There appear, also, to have been sent directly from the State to the American Home Missionary Society $3,944.66—$861.33 in donations and $3,082.83 in legacies. This will make the whole amount raised for home missionary purposes in the State, during the year, $17,326.70. The amount of disbursements in the State, during the year, was $7,433.02 Of the balance in the treasury, the Trustees have voted to send $1,000.00 immediately to the Society at New York. Considerably more will probably soon be sent, but the Trustees have deemed it expedient to retain, for the present, a considerable balance to provide for possible contingencies that may arise in carrying out the policy inaugurated by the resolutions of Oct. 24, 1873—a policy which has, unavoidably, been somewhat delayed, but which will be in full operation in the coming year.

The amount contributed by the aided churches directly to the support of the missionaries laboring among them, has considerably exceeded the amount contributed in the previous year, or, probably, in any past year. The exact amount has not been

ascertained, but it is safe to say that the advance has been fully ten per cent. It is hoped that the coming year will witness a still larger advance in this direction.

The receipts of the Female Cent Institution, $2,713.22, are believed to be larger than in any previous year. This is especially gratifying, since it was apprehended by many that the springing up of so many societies auxiliary to the Woman's Board, together with the retirement of Mrs. Stone, who has so long been its faithful and efficient Treasurer, might occasion a falling off in its receipts. The result proves what has often been observed before, that benevolent giving in one direction, only serves to quicken the sensibilities, and enlarge the heart for a generous response in another direction. What is wanted is to get the heart open, and the more varied and moving the appeals, the more hope there is that each will be promptly met. The more one's Christian sympathies are stirred by the cry of the perishing in Japan, the more likely he will be to hear the appeal of the destitute in New-Hampshire.

It will be seen that the amount received into our treasury from legacies is less than usual. There are, however, donations from two sources; one of $2,000.00 for our Society, and one of $2,500.00 intended for the American Home Missionary Society, from Moses P. Page, of Gilmanton Iron Works, and one of $400.00, from Ezra Alden, of Lebanon, since deceased, each regarded, by the donor, as in the nature of a legacy, but which they each resolved to make certain of going to the object intended, by paying it themselves, in their life-time. We commend this example to the attention of others who may have estates, some portion of which they design for charitable uses. By becoming their own executors, they will at least know what becomes of their money.

The following table will exhibit, as far as statistics can, the work done and the results accomplished in the year.

TABULAR VIEW.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriation.	Months of Labor Performed.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added. Profession.	Added. Letter.	Removed. Dismissed.	Removed. Died.	Removed. Excluded.	Resident Members.	Male Residents.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other Objects.
1. Alstead, East,	G. B. Richardson,	April 1, 1874	12	200.00	4½	0	0	0	0	3	0	82	30	22	80	80		$31.00
2. Alstead, Paper Mill V. and Langdon,	Geo. F. Chapin,	April 1, 1874	12	200.00	12	1	0	2	0	0	0	24	6	4	90	60	$5.00	8.23
						1	5	1	0	0	0	24	6	6	80	40	5.50	0.00
3. Alton,	D. L. Gear,	June 1, 1874	12	300.00	2½	13	12	1	0	0	0	32	6	13	100	101	7.25	0.00
4. Andover, East,	Howard Moody,	Jan. 1, 1874	12	300.00	7													
5. Berlin and Milan,	A. J. Benedict,	May 15, 1874	4	72.00	4													
6. Brentwood,	W. C. Jackson,	April 1, 1874	12	100.00	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	37	11	17	50	45	5.25	31.75
7. Centre Harbor,	Jotham Sewall,	June 1, 1873	12	200.00	9½	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	15	11	75	91		
8. Charlestown,	H. Sanderson, and Geo. W. Kinne,	Oct. 13, 1872	12	200.00	2	0	2	7	0	0	0	28	6	0	72	70		
		April 12, 1874	12	200.00	4													
9. Chatham,	C. E. Fitz,	May 15, 1874	4	40.00	4							38		16	57			2.00
10. Dalton,	A. E. Hall,	April 1, 1874	12	300.00	4½	0	0	2	0	0	0	26	5		130	88	1.00	0.00
11. Danbury,	Geo. Smith,	April 1, 1874	12	200.00	4½	0	0	3	0	1	0	62	24	18	100	60	11.50	0.00
12. Deering,	Morris Holman,	July 1, 1873	12	225.00	11	0	0	0	1	2	0	34	6	7	50	55	14.00	0.00
13. Enfield,	V. J. Hartshorne and A. H. Thompson,	May 20, 1873	12	250.00	9	8	4	2	1	0	0	30	5	16	100	60	12.00	12.00
		May 27, 1874	3½	64.00	3													
14. Goff's Falls,	S. S. Matthews,	July 1, 1873	12	100.00	3													
15. Gorham,	G. F. Tewksbury,	Sept. 1, 1873	12	300.00	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	24	2	10	75	60	3.50	36.50
16. Groton and Hebron,	J. B. Cook,	June, 14, 1874	12	150.00	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	28	8				0.00	30.00
				150.00	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	9	2	4	70			0.00
17. Hanover Centre,	Daniel McClenning,	May, 10, 1874	12	150.00	12													
18. Kensington,	E. D. Eldridge,	Jan. 1, 1874	12	200.00	12	1	1	1	0	1	0	49	12	1	85	95	15.00	25.00
19. Kingston,	J. Chapman,	May 1, 1874	12	100.00	12	0	4	0	1	0	0	34	5	12	98	110	39.00	86.25
20. Lee and Madbury,	J. W. Lees,	Sept. 1, 1873	12	200.00	12	5	2	0	2	0	0	43	6		150	206	0.00	0.00
															75	75		

21. Lempster,	J. LeBosquet,	May	1,	1874	12	200.00	12	4	2	0	2		0	35		16	50	50	12.00	28.00
22. Mason,	R. P. Wells,	Feb.		1874	12	150.00	6	1		7		0	0	85	29	26	62	65	13.00	45.26
23. Milton Mills,	D. B. Scott,	July	1,	1873	12	200.00	6													
24. Munroe,	J. L. Litch,	June	1,	1874	12	150.00	12													
25. Nelson,	Mark Gould.	Jan.	1,	1874	12	200.00	12	3	1	0				85	33		75	99	12.50	42.50
26. Newington,	Franklin Davis,	Nov.	1,	1873	12	200.00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	5	2	100	75	16.50	15.00
27. Roxbury,	G.W. Nims, E. H. Jones	May		1874	4	72.00	3½													
28. Salisbury,	J. B. Cook.	Jan.	1,	1873	12	100.00	4½													
29. Sandwich,	C. L. Tappan,	Jan.	1,	1874	12	300.00	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	17		9	80	60	0.00	0.00
30. Seabrook, South,	W. A. Rand.	Aug.	1,	1873	12	150.00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	25			150	100	0.00	0.00
31. Stewartstown, West,	Giles Leach and J. W. Starr,	April	1,	1874	3	96.50	3		2	0	3	0	0	24	6		75	60	0.00	2.00
		July	5,	1874	12	250.00	1½													
32. Stoddard and Washington,	H. H. Colburn,	April	15,	1874	12	250.00	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	13	65	40	0.00	0.00
									2	0		2	0	19		3	65	35	6.00	5.00
33. Wakefield,	S. Clark,	May	1,	1874	12	150.00	12	0	0	0			0	21	5	7	65	40	35.70	51.00
34. Weare, Oil Mill Village,	Francis Parker,	July	1,	1874	2½	68.25	2½													
35. Wentworth,	D. S. Hibbard,	Jan.	1,	1784	12	300.00	12													
36. Wilmot,	C. B. Tracy,	Jan.	1,	1874	12	200.00	12	0	0		0	2		32	12	17	77	66	26.94	19.01
37. Wolfeboro', North,	Wm. D. Roberts,	May	1,	1874	4	72.00	3½										100			
38. Woodstock,	C. R. Wallace,	June	10,	1874	3	50.00	3													

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

The specific notices which follow will give some of the more prominent facts in the condition and prospects of the aided churches.

1. *Alstead, Paper Mill Village.*—Our missionary here preaches half the time, during the summer, at Langdon, and the church in Langdon unites very cordially in his support. Notwithstanding some "grave obstacles to the progress of the Gospel," he is laboring hopefully and successfully. Occasional conversions and a manifest growing interest in religious things cheer him on. The place is a growing one, and the field very important and promising.

2. *Alstead, East.*—After being destitute somewhat more than a year, this church, in April last, secured the services as pastor of one who received a very generous and hearty welcome, and who has entered upon his labors with good prospects of success. An arrangement has been happily made by which he is to preach one half of the time for the church at Alstead Centre, and also to exercise a pastoral care over it. We trust that both these fields, in other days so abundantly fruitful, are still to wave with rich harvests.

3. *Andover, East.*—The pastor notes a marked advance in the spirit of benevolence, resulting, as it would seem, largely, from a series of expository sermons on the book of Acts, in which a leading aim was to show "that from the beginning the church of Christ has been a missionary church, that Christ designed that it should be so, and that any church that does not enter into the spirit of missions does not deserve to be called a church of Christ." It would be well if that series could be preached in a good many of our churches—missionary and others. He also notes an increasing ability to appreciate solid sermons, and dissatisfaction with any other, indicating that an educational process is going forward very commendable, and worthy of imitation.

4. *Alton.*—The religious interest which was enjoyed here during the last winter aud spring, resulted in a considerable addition to the church, and in largely increasing the congregation and the Sabbath School. A new bell has been procured and hung in the tower of the church, and a new and fine parsonage is now nearly completed. The services of a stated acting pastor have been enjoyed since April last.

5. *Brentwood.*—The pastor writes that, "the spiritual state of the church has, through the year, been low and discouraging." The attendance upon public worship remains much as in previous years. Prayer-meetings have, a part of the time, been pretty well sustained. There are some who pray and wait for the manifested presence and power of the Spirit of God. There is great need here that the Divine breath should blow upon the slain that they may live.

6. *Centre Harbor.*—Mr Sewall closed his labors here on the first of June. Since that time there has been no stated supply of the pulpit. The church and people are looking earnestly and anxiously for a pastor. The field is one of importance and promise, and it is hoped that they will not long look in vain.

7. *Charlestown.*—Rev. H. Sanderson closed his labors here in Oct. last, and in April, Rev. Geo. W. Kinne was installed as pastor. The church and people are making very vigorous, commendable and successful efforts to give to their pastor a competent support. The congregation and Sabbath School have materially increased, and a hopeful spirit seems generally to prevail. There is no more important field than this among those aided by our Society, nor one, we think, that has in it more of promise for the future.

8. *Dalton.*—After a long period of depression and despondency, the prospects and hopes of this church have greatly revived. A very earnest and self-sacrificing effort to secure and sustain the preaching of the gospel, resulted in obtaining, in April last, the services of a stated supply, who, it is expected, will soon be ordained and installed as pastor. The congregation and Sabbath School have increased beyond the expectation of the most sanguine. A spirit of cordial unity prevails, and,

with the expected increase of population and business, it is hoped that this will, ere long, take its place among our self-sustaining churches.

9. *Danbury.*—This church, vacant for a considerable time, obtained, in April last, the services of an acting pastor, thankful and gratified to have stated worship in their own house again. The meetings on the Sabbath are well attended, as are also the social meetings and the Sabbath School. Some cases of special religious interest have been manifested and there appears to be a hopeful feeling generally prevalent.

10. *Deering.*—The Rev. M. Holman closed his ministry of thirteen years with this church and people in July. It is hoped that their appreciation of the value of the gospel will lead to such energetic, self-sacrificing efforts to secure the re-establishment of its ordinances among them as are needed to command success. The ability is not wanting, if courage, self-sacrifice and determination do not fail.

11. *Enfield.*—The Rev. V. J. Hartshorne closed his seven years of labor with this people in May last. A student from the Yale Divinity school is now laboring temporarily with them. There has been considerable religious interest during the past year, resulting in a considerable addition to the church. Arrangements have been entered into for the purchase and fitting up of a church edifice, and the work is now in progress. When this is completed, it is hoped that some fit man may be found to assume the pastoral work, and that the church may enter upon a career of prosperity in both temporal and spiritual things.

12. *Gorham.*—This church has been considerably weakened recently by deaths and removals, and is, at present, hardly as strong as at some former periods. It is hoped, however, that this depression will be only temporary. Nothing but religious indifference in the surrounding community prevents its assemblies from being thronged. Its position is a very important one, and it should be vigorously sustained.

13. *Groton.*—This church obtained the stated services of an acting pastor in connection with that in Hebron, in June last. His services were gladly and gratefully welcomed, and the

meetings are attended with interest and with the hope of good results.

14. *Hanover Centre.*—The revival enjoyed somewhat more than a year since, in connection with the labors of its pastor, has inspired this church with new courage and energy, and its prospects are quite hopeful. Harmony prevails, and a good degree of religious interest is still manifested, with occasional conversions. The church edifice and the parsonage have been repaired during the past year, and put in a neat and comfortable condition. God has done great things for His people here, whereof they are glad.

15. *Hebron.*—The new pastor was received here with much cordiality and has entered upon his labors with good prospects for the future. A very commendable trait of this people is, that they attend meeting with almost equal constancy whether the preacher is of their own order or of some other, and that they keep up the regular Sabbath service and the Sabbath School just the same when they have no minister at all. Would that more of our churches could be induced to imitate this example. It would result in incalculable good if it could be understood that there would be public, religious services of some decent and reverent sort in all our churches every Sabbath of the year.

16. *Kensington.*—There is little of special interest to report from this church. Public worship, the Sabbath School and social meetings are sustained much as in years past. But, in common with several of the churches of that part of the State, there is a degree of religious apathy that bodes ill for the future, unless it can be broken. In some respects, the prospects of this church are quite hopeful. It is the mighty power of the Divine Spirit in the hearts of men that is especially needed.

17. *Kingston.*—The public and social meetings connected with this church have been sustained with the usual attendance the past year. The Sabbath School has been well kept up and there have been occasional instances of special religious interest. "Repairs long needed have been made on the parsonage building", and there is a good degree of external prosperity. But the pastor and earnest, wakeful Christians long to see the place shaken by the in-coming of a Divine power, to see the apathy

which broods over the people dispelled by a sense of spiritual and eternal things. When will the seed sown here spring up into a harvest like those of other days?

18. *Lee.*—This field, including Madbury which is under the same pastoral supervision, is a large one territorially—eleven miles in one direction and seven in the other—and is, besides, a very interesting and important field. In Lee, there appears to be a strongly and generally awakened interest in religious things. The Sabbath School numbers about two-sevenths of the whole population of the town. The congregation on the Sabbath is full to overflowing. They have built a parsonage and are now building a chapel. The church is still small, and needs and desires aid in its self-sacrificing efforts, but the aspect of things, on the whole, is very hopeful.

19. *Lempster.*—This is one of the churches of the "hill country" that is sadly diminished from what it once was, and yet has the cheering and grateful assurance that its poverty has made others rich. This class of churches, that have given so largely of the choicest and best to build up other churches, deserve honorable mention and a grateful return. The church at Lempster has still a vigorous root and is destined, we trust, to bring forth fruit for many years yet to come. Special tokens of the Divine favor have recently been shown it, and its future is hopeful.

20. *Madbury.*—There is no organized church here, but the pastor at Lee finds much encouragement in the labor which he is able to bestow upon it. He has the whole field to himself, too large for so careful culture as could be desired, yet its prospects are brightening. The pastor hopes, ere long, to have a chapel for the better accommodation of public worship.

21. *Mason.*—This church is making very vigorous and self-sacrificing efforts to sustain the ordinances of the gospel, and is prospering, as all churches will prosper that take this course. A native of the town, resident now in New York, not forgetful, as too many are, of the old home influences that made them what they are, has purchased a house for a parsonage and given it to the church. New-Hampshire, as a State, is comparatively poor in silver and gold. She would not have reared such sons

and daughters as she has, if she had not been; but many of her sons abroad, carrying out the lessons of their childhood, have become rich. Would that more of them would remember the despoiled and struggling churches of their native hills, to which they owe so much.

22. *Milton Mills.*—The Rev. Mr. Scott closed his labors here in February last. Since that time, the church has had no regular religious services.

23. *Munroe.*—A church of twelve members was organized here on the 18th of August last, to which a considerable addition was expected at the first communion season. This is the result of a religious awakening which has been continuous since our missionary commenced his labors, a year and a half since, and by the influence of which the whole moral and spiritual aspect of the place has become greatly changed. The people now, very generally attend public worship, including those heretofore indifferent or opposed. "An earnest purpose to labor unitedly and zealously for Christ, seems to animate not only all the church members, but all the Christians in the community," and the pastor is more hopeful than ever for the future. The success of the effort here illustrates the value of Christian labor for our smaller and less regarded communities. It is not always easy to say what is, or is not, an "important" field. The fear of wasting one's talents on a field that is not worthy of them, is not always well founded.

24. *Nelson.*—One of the specially noteworthy facts relating to this church, is the vigor and constancy with which two prayer-meetings each week, besides a young people's meeting and a female prayer-meeting, have been sustained. Another, is the spirit of aggressive Christian activity that has been exhibited in meetings held in the various school districts in the town, and, especially, in the establishment of religious services and a branch Sabbath School in a destitute village of the vicinity. There are no surer signs of life than these. A praying, aggressive church, that is ready to go into every opening and preach the gospel, is a true Christian church. Several hopeful conversions and cases of special interest have occurred, and the future is hopeful.

25. *Newington.*—The pastor writes: "Nothing of special interest to report. Things remain about as they have been."

26. *Salisbury.*—Since the late pastor closed his labors here in the early spring, only occasional religious services have been held. It is to be hoped that a church that so many other churches and communities have occasion to bless for the gift of sons and daughters that she nourished and brought up, albeit she is somewhat weakened by their loss, will yet suffer nothing to hinder the resolved purpose, under God, to keep the fires burning upon the old altars, to strengthen the things that remain, and to make the future even more fruitful and glorious than the past. This can be. Faith, courage and self-sacrifice with the promised presence and power of the Divine Spirit will secure it.

27. *Seabrook, South.*—There is being gradually developed here a noteworthy example of the power of the gospel to redeem, elevate and save for both worlds—the promise that is in it for the life that now is, as well as for that which is to come. In its presence, whatever is low and debasing, as well as whatever is positively vicious and wrong, is steadily giving way. Homes are becoming brighter and happier, the life of the people truer and purer, the aspirations, especially of the young, higher and nobler, and the whole atmosphere of the place sweeter and more healthful. The hope and prospect of a better future are steadily becoming more sure.

28. *Sandwich.*—The work here has some special discouragements, but the church is holding on its way, trusting in Him who is stronger than man, is able even to cause man's wrath to praise Him, able and pledged to prevent even the gates of hell from prevailing against the church. Some fruits of the revival last year have been gathered into the church.

29. *Stoddard.*—Emigration and debt have sadly depressed the hopes and prospects of this town and church. The services of a missionary are divided between the field here and that in Washington, the smaller share being given to Stoddard. The feature of special interest here is a flourishing Sabbath School which is kept up every Sabbath, laymen from abroad aiding in the absence of the pastor. There seems, moreover, to be manifested, generally, a growing interest in religious things.

30. *Stewartstown, West.*—This church, important in itself, and especially so on account of the prospective and growing consequence of the place, has now a permanent acting pastor, and, after a period of some discouragement and tribulation, has started, as it is hoped and believed, on a career of permanent growth and prosperity. It is in a region which is rapidly developing in population and wealth. Its supporters, though small as yet in numbers, are energetic, enterprising and hopeful, and we look, at no distant day, to see it one of the strong self-supporting churches of the State—a much-needed light for all the surrounding region.

31. *Wakefield.* The pastor writes: "No special religious interest enjoyed for quite a period. Yet there are some things encouraging. During the past year, the attendance upon the means of grace has been better than usual, and the Sabbath School somewhat increased in numbers. Several external improvements have been made—among them, a new pulpit, table and stoves."

32. *Washington.*—The pastor finds but little of special interest to report from this part of his field. There is no apparent decrease of general interest. The meetings and the Sabbath School are well sustained, and those who love the cause are waiting for the harvest to spring up and ripen from the seed now cast, in faith and hope, upon the waters.

33. *Wilmot.*—The pastor writes: "Although our report is rather dark and discouraging, we are still hopeful, looking and praying for better days."

34. *Wentworth.*—The condition of things here remains much as for several years past. The inroads made by death and emigration appear to be made up, mainly, by the development of numbers and resources from within, so that the attendance on public worship is as large as heretofore. The Sabbath School and social meetings are vigorously sustained. This church is an important one, one that could not well be spared. Any dimming of its light would be a calamity that would be felt over a large circle.

Besides these churches, where the aim has been to sustain the stated preaching of the gospel, theological students and

others have been employed, for a few months each, in the following places:

1. *Berlin* and *Milan*.—Mr. Benedict, from the Yale Divinity School, labored some four months in these two places, alternating, and in cordial co-operation with a Methodist preacher, and with much acceptance. A large proportion of the people waited on his ministrations, appearing deeply interested in them. The results remain yet to be fully unfolded. There is now no Congregational church in either place.

2. *Chatham*.—Mr. Fitz, from the Bangor Theological Seminary, labored here three months. The people were interested and came out in considerable numbers for public worship. Hopes were entertained, for a time, of obtaining some one to follow him, but these have failed, for the present. The church is small in numbers and weak pecuniarily, and can hardly expect to sustain preaching, except by uniting with some other church.

3. *Goff's Falls*.—Mr. Mathews, from the Seminary at Andover, continued to supply here for some months after the close of the last year. Meetings are now sustained largely by laymen from Manchester, with such clerical help as can from time to time be obtained, without aid from the Missionary Society. No church has as yet been organized here.

4. *Roxbury*.—Mr. Nims and Mr. Jones, of the Union Theological Seminary, have supplied this church alternately, for the last three months. The people appear to have been much interested, the congregation averaging one half, and the Sabbath School two fifths the number of the entire population of the town.

5. *Weare, Oil Mill Village*.—Mr. Parker, from the Seminary at Andover, has labored here and, to some extent, in South Weare for two or three months. It is a region, occupied by a population of about one thousand souls, where there is no organized church. Mr. Parker found himself heartily welcomed, and his labors awakened much interest. If he could continue upon the ground and follow up the work already begun, we should regard the field as a very hopeful one.

6. *Wolfeboro', North*.—Mr. Roberts, from the Seminary at

Princeton, has labored here four months, preaching to audiences that embraced nearly all the people within the circle of the parish, able to attend public worship; all, apparently, deeply interested in him and his message. It is hoped that some arrangement may be made by which a people so eager to hear the gospel may have the opportunity for more than four months of the year.

7. *Woodstock.*—Mr. Wallace, from the Union Theological Seminary, labored here three months. He appears to have found a cordial welcome and an open ear for his message, and to have given excellent satisfaction. There are numerous other similar fields in the State, with a population sparse, indeed, yet accessible and impressible, affording a good opportunity for those who, like the apostle, desire to build not on another man's foundation.

It will be observed that the number of students employed is considerably less than in preceding years. This has arisen from no attempt on our part to control the action of churches or communities desiring such service. A letter was sent, in the winter, to all churches where it was supposed that the services of a student might be desired, tendering the aid of the Society to any reasonable extent, both in obtaining and compensating such services, if required. No application for such aid has been refused. The change must, we think, be attributed to a growing sentiment, among the churches themselves, in favor of some permanent arrangement for sustaining public religious worship. We regard this as a healthy indication. The services of students are, in some cases, of great value. We should be very sorry to be compelled wholly to dispense with them. There are places where they can do better service than any others who are available. There may be emergencies in the history of any of our smaller churches when it would be altogether expedient to employ them. Still, some more permanent arrangement is always desirable, and should always be aimed at. Every house of worship should be open on every Sabbath of the year, for prayer and praise, and the reading of God's word, if no more. A church cannot without loss suffer its house of worship to be

closed for a single Sabbath, much less for a long succession of Sabbaths. We wish that the attention of all our churches could be turned to this subject, and that its importance might be duly realized.

It will also be seen that some visible progress has been made towards uniting two churches under one pastoral care. It is only just to say that much more has really been accomplished than appears upon the surface. A change of this sort must, in the nature of the case, be gradual, as, to be healthy, it should be. Even when there is, among all parties, a willingness to unite, it often takes time, so to adjust all matters as to make a union practicable and safe. There will often be opposition in some quarters, growing, very likely, out of prejudices and feelings entitled to hearty respect and sympathy, which it is better to yield to, for a time, than rudely to overbear. In many localities, time must be given for a change in public sentiment. But this change is gradually, and even rapidly, taking place. Illustrative instances in proof of this could be multiplied, if it were proper to refer to them. We believe that the time is not distant when, with rare exceptions, our smaller churches, including a considerable proportion of those not aided by the Missionary Society, will be found united each with some neighboring church in the support of a pastor. And we are sure that this process will work no ultimate harm to the churches, but rather good—that, in the superior ability and efficiency of the ministry which can in this way be secured, and in the benefit which will come from the development of lay activity, the gain will much exceed the loss. Ministers, too, will gain much in the increased energy which the demands of a larger field will call out. It is easy to say that any field is large enough to tax all the energies of a faithful pastor. This may be true, but it is, nevertheless, also true that ministers will, and in fact do, rust out in a small field, and that in just this direction is, practically, one of the crying evils of the time. Let the process of uniting churches go on; let earnest, competent, faithful men, men who are alive and love work, be sought for pastors, and adequately supported; then let their hands be filled full of work, and let the laymen, as truly called of God as the pastors,

come forward to do what the pastors cannot do. Let all, pastors and laymen, hear the call, "Go *work to-day* in my vineyard." Let us not rust out, and if we wear out, thank God for the privilege.

In respect also to the very desirable adjustment of our work with that of other Christian denominations, the adjustment of it upon the broad, Catholic principles of fraternal, courteous, Christian toleration, of mutual respect and co-operation towards the great end that is common to us all, while little has been accomplished of such tangible sort that it can be held up to public view, it is still true that much real progress has been made. Attention has been turned to the subject. Light has been let in upon it, before which that narrow bigotry, which regards its own little measure as containing all the boundless infinitude of God's truth, that thinks the Kingdom of God can come only through the contracted doors of its narrow sect, grows ashamed of its own pinched and ugly features, and that most unchristian meanness, which has characterized far too much of the sectarian activity of all denominations, is retiring into obscure corners. A healthful, and truly Christian, public sentiment, a sentiment in full accord with the magnanimous spirit of Paul, which prompted his noble declaration, "Notwithstanding every way Christ is preached, and therein I do rejoice yea, and will rejoice," is clearly advancing. We trust that the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, established for no narrow sectarian ends, will ever be found, not merely abreast with this advancing sentiment, but helping it on to its too long delayed triumph. While standing, in a manly, Christian way, by rights that are clearly ours, our right to be, and to do, according to our own methods and convictions, that part in the complete evangelization of the State which God has plainly put into our hands, while we give place by subjection, no, not for an hour, to an arrogant ecclesiasticism, from whatever quarter, that claims superior rights and authority, and assumes to call what God has sanctified, common and unclean, be it ours to be still more scrupulously careful to yield to other Christian workers in the same field every just right and claim; to go half way, and more than half way, to adjust, in a fraternal way, conflict-

ing claims, and especially to help on any honest effort t
that scandal and shame of our common Christianity,
drance to any true, evangelizing work, the existence o
weak, starveling, contending churches on a field where
barely live. Be it ours to help forward the time when
at least agree to get out of each other's way in places
divide is to ruin. If courses of meanness that wou
those guilty of them from association with honorabl
the world are still to be resorted to, let it not be by us

We believe that the reports from our missionary
would compare favorably with like reports from our
generally, in respect of faithful and successful Christi
But the frequent recurrence of the report, in substa
we are simply holding the ground already gained,
queries and reflections upon which it may not be out
to dwell for a moment. We do not forget that the
of Heaven cometh not with observation, that the migh
most beneficent forces are silent, and that the truest an
fruits may be ripening just where and when there is
report. Still it remains true that the gospel is, in its
nature, and is designed to be, aggressive, a leaven tha
ally to leaven the whole lump. It is as divinely fitte
as to another, it is needed by one as much as by anot
intended for one as much as for another. If then, in
of a large part of any community, it does not actu
why does it not? Around every church, with few if ar
tions, there is a considerable, if not large, population
religious indifference. The gospel, set forth in the mini
and ordinances of the church, is the wisdom of God
power of God, and yet to them it is as if there were n
no infinite peril and need, and no Savior. Why? If f
to year inroads are not made upon this indifferenc
gospel is not really and manifestly permeating the li
community, the fault may not be with the ministry
church, but does not the fact suggest a very serious a
ling question? Is all done that might be done? Is th
brought, as it might be, into contact with the lump tha
leavened? Is the word of life "held forth" by all the

fitted to bring it to the attention of the people? Is the gospel trusted in and used, as if it were *the power* of *God unto salvation*, not for this or that kind of men, but for all men, as if we were the accredited disciples and ministers of a Master who came into the world to save sinners? It should not be forgotten that the moment any church ceases to be aggressive it begins to die. Christ is in it, a vital out-going, conquering power of saving love, or he is not in it at all. There is no place or use for a church or minister that is not a living part of the forces that are actually saving the world.

In carrying forward the work of the Society, we have aimed to bear in mind the fact that, in a very important aspect of it, it is a business enterprise, and, so far forth, to be conducted on sound business principles—such principles as wise, successful business men apply to their enterprises. We have aimed not to forget the obligation that is upon us to use the utmost economy in the expenditure of the funds of the Society, the utmost economy, that is, that should be consistent with a wise disposal of them. Our aim has been, so far as we had any voice in the matter, to select, if possible, not one capable of doing good work of some kind, somewhere, but one who could and would do just the work needed, in just the place requiring it, and then, so far as might be, to surround him with such conditions as would enable him to do that work effectively. We have aimed to put the tools into the hands of the man who could use them *for the work that was to be done*, and then not to cripple his right arm so that he could not use them. We have aimed to scatter where the increase seemed sure, and not to withhold more than was meet where it would certainly tend to poverty. In other words, the aim has been to do nothing which a wise business man would not do in like circumstances, nothing that, to the best of our judgment, would not tend most effectively to secure the high and sacred ends for which the churches contribute their money.

We find some special encouragement in our work in a manifestly growing appreciation on the part of the people generally, particularly of the more thoughtful among them, of the value and importance of New-Hampshire as a State. The change of

public sentiment in this regard has, within the few last years, been quite marked. Much less than formerly do we hear the sentiment, "New-Hampshire, a good State to emigrate from," quoted as a covert sneer, as if implying that there was nothing in it to induce one of any intelligence and enterprise to remain in it. There is taking the place of this a just pride in the State as worthy of honor, if for nothing else, yet as the fruitful mother of men. There is a growing recognition of the fact that if she could but call home the sons who were reared at her altars and firesides, who owe to the influences of their natal soil all that they are, neither in wealth, nor in talents, nor in culture, nor in aught that goes to constitute a noble character, or to make men of power among their fellows, would she need to hang her head in the presence of any sister State. There is a growing feeling that the homes which produce such men are not homes to blush for, or to despise. This change is seen on the part of our churches in a growing feeling that New-Hampshire is worth saving, that the work which God gives us to do here at home is a work worth doing. In the very fact of that emigration which is depleting so many of our churches is felt to be one of the very strongest of motives inspiring to our work. Churches that are sending out such men and women, that are suffering themselves to be robbed that the larger churches may be enriched, that the foundations of many generations may be laid aright in the growing west, are not to be suffered to languish and die, not at least so long as children of New-Hampshire blood are growing up around their altars. Thoughtful men upon the frontier are saying, "Give us what is more to us than money, give us your sons and daughters, more of these fitted and inspired to stand up for Jesus, in a struggle where heroes are wanted, fitted to be the patriarchs of the new order of things that is rising here." These churches compelled, because the sons that they thought to lean upon have all gone to the front, to ask aid that they and the little ones that remain may still have the gospel, have given to Home Missions upon the frontier what is more than money. They will continue to do this if they can still have the influences of the gospel under which to train up their children. It is not that we care less for

the conflict that rages along the frontier and the tremendous issue that is pending there; it is not that we do not appreciate the grandeur and importance of the work, or the urgency and solemnity of the crisis there; it is not that we would withhold our prayers, or men, or money from the work involving the most glorious opportunities and the highest issues of any that God ever laid, as at once a burden and a joy, upon the heart of any portion of the church, that of claiming and holding this whole imperiled land with all its mighty resources and possibilities, for Christ; it is in no such narrow spirit that we summon the hosts of our Israel to the struggle to hold New-Hampshire for Christ. But it is that among our granite hills there rise springs of power and influence, than which there are none that bear in them more of hope and help for the future of our whole land, springs that we must not, dare not, as we would be true to the opportunities and responsibilities of the hour, suffer to become dry. We recognize, fully and cordially, the motto, "OUR COUNTRY FOR THE WORLD," as fittest to be inscribed first on the banners of the American church, but on ours, beneath that, as expressive of our sense of the special work to which God has called us, we write, "NEW-HAMPSHIRE FOR THE SAKE OF OUR WHOLE COUNTRY."

For the Trustees:

E. H. Greeley, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEA

L. D. STEVENS, *Treasurer, in account with*
THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISS

To balance from last year's account,	
Donations from Churches and individuals,	
" " New-Hampshire Cent. Institution,	
Legacies,	
Donations for the American Home Missionary Society,	
Income from Permanent Fund.	
Amount received from donors unknown.	
By Amount paid feeble churches and missionaries,	
" " American Home Missionary Society,	
" " Secretaries Clark and Greeley,	
" " for their traveling expenses, postage, stationery, &c.,	
" " Treasurer of N. H. M. Society,	
" " Treasuress of N. H. Cent Institution,	
" " R. W. Musgrove, for printing report of N. H. Cent In	
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" " for postage, expressage and stationery, and of the Cent Institution, and N. H. M. Society,	
Balance carried to next year's account,	

This certifies that I have examined the account of Hon. L. D. S of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society, and find the same corre hands a balance of six thousand six hundred and seven dollars forty-th

JOHN KI

Concord, Sept. 11, 1874.

RECEIPTS.

Amherst—Congregational Church and Society, $30.41; Dr. Wm. Clark, $10,	$90.41
Atkinson—Congregational Church and Society, $46.93; Jas. Grover, for the A. H. M. S., $3,	49.93
Alstead—Congregational Church and Society,	5.25
Acworth—Female Charitable Society, in part to constitute Mrs. B. C. Finley life member,	15.50
Brentwood—Congregational Church and Society,	5.25
Bristol—Congregational Church and Society,	14.45
Boscawen—Dea. Almon Harris, $10; Congregational Church and Society, $11.92,	21.92
Bennington—Congregational Church and Society, for the A. H. M. S.,	16.00
Brookline—Congregational Church and Society,	37.50
Conway—Legacy of Ruth M. Colley,	400.00
Concord—Mrs. S. C. French, for the A. H. M. S., $5; A friend, $50; Legacy of B. F. Whedden in part,	264.13
Concord, North—Congregational Church and Society, $100; George Wardwell, $12,	112.00
Concord, South—Congregational Church and Society, $124.74; for the A. H. M. S., 101.66; A friend for the A. H. M. S., $60; Mrs. Clara D. Berry, for same, $10; Mrs. Lydia French, to constitute herself life member of the A. H. M. S., $30,	326.40
Concord, West—J. F. Emerson, in full to constitute Mrs. Emerson life member, $20; Congregational Church and Society, $16.77,	36.77
Claremont—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Rev. Levi Rodgers life member of the A. H. M. S., 46.50; Edward L. Goddard, Esq., to constitute himself life member of the A. H. M. S., $30,	76.50
Candia—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Simon S. Fifield and Lizzie E. Cram life members,	73.00
Chichester—Congregational Church and Society,	3.00
Campton—Congregational Church and Society, $12.30; Mrs. Joseph Cook, $5,	17.30
Canterbury—Congregational Church and Society,	8.00
Chester—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute James D. Lane life member,	30.00
Dartmouth College—Congregational Church and Society for the A. H. M. S.,	125.00
Dublin—Congregational Church and Society,	11,25
Dover—Congregational Church and Society,	200.00
Epping—Congregational Church and Society, $33.96; Dea. John T. Fitz, for the A. H. M. S., $10,	43.96
East Andover—Congregational Church and Society,	31.02
East Derry—First Congregational Church and Society,	59.40
Francestown—Congregational Church and Society,	130.03
Franklin—Congregational Church and Society,	75.00
Gilmanton Iron Works—Moses P. Page, Esq., $2,000 and for the A. H. M. S., $2,500,	$4,500.00

Gilsum—Congregational Church and Society,
Grantham—Susan S. Hemphill,
Goffstown—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Dea. Alvin Hadley life member,
Greenland—Congregational Church and Society,
Hinsdale—Congregational Church and Society,
Hancock—Congregational Church and Society,
Harrisville—Congregational Church and Society,
Haverhill—Congregational Church and Society,
Hopkinton—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Maryetta S. Chandler life member,
Hampstead—Congregational Church and Society,
Hollis—Mrs. W. K. Lovejoy, to constitute Miss Anna C. Lovejoy life member of the A. H. M. S., $30; A friend, $3; A friend $3; Mrs. Sally Jewett, for the A. H. M. S., $20; Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Perry M. Farley life member, $30.65,
Henniker—Congregational Church and Society, $45.75, and for the A. H. M. S., $107.50,
Hanover Centre—Congregational Church and Society,
Hillsboro' Bridge—Congregational Church and Society, $12; A friend, for the A. H. M. S., $8,
Jaffrey—Congregational Church and Society,
Keene—First Congregational Church and Society, $48.38; for the A. H. M S., $100; Second Congregational Church and Society, $53.66, and for the A. H. M. S., $9.14,
Kingston—Congregational Church and Society,
Laconia—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Hon. Ellery A. Hibbard life member,
Lebanon—Ezra Alden, a legacy paid by him in advance, $400; Congregational Church and Society, $29.30
Langdon—Congregational Church and Society,
Litchfield—Presbyterian Church and Society,
Littleton—Congregational Church and Society,
Mont Vernon—Congregational Church and Society,
Meredith—Mrs. Martha Dodge,
Meredith Village—Congregational Church and Society,
Mason—Congregational Church and Society,
Milford—Congregational Church and Society,
Manchester—First Congregational Church and Society, $167; Franklin Street Congregational Church and Society, $500,
Marlboro'—First Congregational Church and Society,
New Ipswich—First Congregational Church and Society,
North Hampton—Congregational Church and Society,
Nashua—First Congregational Church and Society, $295.70; Pearl Street Congregational Church and Society, $44.75,
Nelson—First Congregational Church and Society,
Newington—First Congregational Church and Society,
Newmarket—Congregational Church and Society, in full to constitute Dea. Thomas H. Wiswall life member of the A. H. M. S., $11; and in full to constitute George E. Joy life member of A. H. M. S., $22,
Orford—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute John Pratt life member,
Ossipee Centre—Congregational Church and Society,

Orfordville—Rev. N. F. Carter,	10.00
Peterboro'—Mrs. Robert Whitney for the A. H. M. S., $3; Mrs. Lucy D. Richardson and Mrs. Rebecca Eaton, $50 each,	103.00
Portsmouth—North Congregational Church and Society,	225.00
Pelham—James Tyler, for the A. H. M. S., $12; Congregational Church and Society, $30.30,	42.30
Plymouth—Congregational Church and Society, $26.69; James McQuesten, Esq., for the A. H. M. S., $25,	51.69
Pittsfield—Rev. H. A. Hazen,	5.00
Piermont—Congregational Church and Society, in part to constitute Frank Underhill life member,	20.00
Pembroke—Congregational Church and Society,	25.00
Rindge—Congregational Church and Society,	51.15
Rye—Congregational Church and Society,	15.00
—Rockingham County Conference,	13.40
So. Newmarket—Congregational Church and Society,	22.92
Stratham—Congregational Church and Society, to constitute Mrs. Sarah E. Peabody life member,	35.26
Swanzey—Congregational Church and Society,	7.50
—Sullivan County Conference,	10.25
Sanbornton—Congregational Church and Society.	20.00
Tilton and Northfield—Congregational Church and Society,	11.13
Warner—Congregational Church and Society,	10.00
Wentworth—Congregational Church and Society,	27.00
Wakefield—Congregational Church and Society,	20.00
Webster—Congregational Church and Society,	12.50
Walpole—Congregational Church and Society,	74.82
Washington—Congregational Church and Society,	7.78
Winchester—Ladies Home Missionary Society,	15.00
Wilton—Congregational Church and Society,	16.61
Wilmot—Congregational Church and Society,	12.00
Windham—Legacy of Mrs. Louisa D. Jackson,	60.00

TABLE

Showing the places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, *and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.*

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51.56
1802—Concord,	386.62
1803—Concord,	309.46
1804—Concord,	406.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1,290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1,288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—Keene,	2,807.98
1816—Concord,	2,633.36
1817—Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—Dover,	2,427.10
1819—Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—New-Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—Acworth,	1,846.20
1824—Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—Durham,	1,872.07
1827—Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—Newport,	2,416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—Concord,	2,371.34
1832—Amherst,	5,820.75
1833—Keene,	5,067.66
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24

YEARS.	PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1835—	Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836—	Exeter,	4,942.02
1837—	Claremont,	5,506.14
1838—	New-Ipswich,	5,396.81
1839—	Lyme,	4,616.37
1840—	Hampton,	4,596.83
1841—	Francestown,	5,187.03
1842—	Dover,	5,361.11
1843—	Nashua,	5,730.36
1844—	Concord, South Church,	7,582.66
1845—	Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846—	Newport,	9,027.15
1847—	Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	6,050.51
1848—	Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849—	Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850—	Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851—	Acworth,	9,948.47
1852—	Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1853—	Littleton,	10,461.21
1854—	Derry,	8,417.53
1855—	Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856—	Exeter, First Church,	6,690.47
1857—	Keene,	8,148.55
1858—	Hampton,	6,732,26
1859—	Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860—	Claremont,	7,258.60
1861—	Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1862—	Concord, South,	7,182.49
1863—	Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864—	Manchester,	7,556.61
1865—	Newport,	8,589.13
1866—	Dover,	20.064.51
1867—	Nashua,	12,068.17
1868—	Concord, North Church,	11,810.04
1869—	Keene,	22,932.54
1870—	Milford,	9,598.92
1871—	Rochester,	14,600.79
1872—	Bristol,	11,962.15
1873—	Laconia,	11,825.23
1874—	Exeter,	17,326.70
	Total amount raised in seventy-three years,	$415,670.93

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS OF THE A. H. M. S. DURING THE YEAR.

CLAREMONT—Rev. Levi Rodgers, Edward L. Goddard.
CONCORD—Mrs. Lydia French.
HOLLIS—Miss Anna C. Lovejoy.
NEWMARKET—Dea. Thomas H. Wiswell.

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS OF THE N. H. M. S. DURING THE YEAR.

ACWORTH—Mrs. R. C. Finley.
BEDFORD—Mrs. Eliza A. Stevens.
BOSCAWEN—Mrs. F. S. French.
CANDIA—Simon S. Fifield, Lizzie E. Cram.
CHESTER—James D. Lane, Mrs. Fanny Sanborn.
CONCORD, WEST—Mrs. F. J. Emerson.
CONCORD, EAST—Rev. A. Burnham.
GOFFSTOWN—Dea. Alvin Hadley.
HOLLIS—Perry M. Farley.
HOPKINTON—Mrs. Marietta S. Chandler.
LACONIA—Hon. Ellery A. Hibbard.
MERRIMACK—Mrs. S. H. Partridge.
MEREDITH VILLAGE—Miss Betsey Norris.
NEWMARKET—George E. Joy.
ORFORD—John Pratt.
PIERMONT—Frank Underhill.
PLAISTOW—Mrs. Calvin Terry.
STRATHAM—Mrs. Sarah A. E. Peabody.
WILMOT—Mrs. Rebecca Tole.

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